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Maxwell brothers are cleared

Tears and hugs greet verdict in £30m case

By Jon Ashworth, Carol Midgley and Michael Horsnell

THE two youngest sons of the media tycoon Robert Maxwell were cleared yesterday of a £122 million conspiracy to defraud company pensioners in a dramatic finish to an eight-month trial which could spell the end of the Serious Fraud Office.

After a record 12-day retirement by the jury, Kevin and Ian Maxwell celebrated their unanimous acquittal with tears and hugs, before shaking the hands of the seven women and five men who gave them their freedom. -A third defendent, Larry Trachtenberg, 42, an Ameri-

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Jury controversy. The empire

can former lecturer on international relations at the London School of Economics who gave up his academic career to to become an adviser to Robert Maxwell, was also

cleared of all charges. The country's most expensive case is believed to have cost £30 million, including the 131-day trial which began on May,31 last year and the SFO

Kevin, 36, embraced his 39year-old brother when they anneared on the steps of the Old Bailey annexe where their trial had been held.

Speaking publicly for the first time since their arrest in 1992, Kevin said: "I gave evidence in this trial over a period of 21 days and in his summing-up the judge said he better opportunity of assessing in my case.

Ian said: "I have much in my heart that I will keep for myself and my family. I would like also to pay tribute to that family and to my lawyers who have been a constant source of strength and pride to me as has my brother. I trusted him then as I trust him now. I am very pleased that we are standing here together to be

brothers. Kevin's wife Pandora, who is five months pregnant with her sixth child, said from the family home in Moulsford, Oxon, after collecting the children from school: "We are all as you can imagine, very relieved indeed. The family have kept me going. I have never sunk into the depths of despair because that wouldn't

dora's father, made a mobile telephone call to her from the court and was warned by officials about using it. Betty Maxwell, Robert Max-

court. She had provided financial assistance and gave evidence on behalf of her sons.

thought no jury had had a the honesty of the witness than "Anyone who wishes to

discover my attitude to the events leading to the collapse of my father's group has only to read a transcript of my evidence. I have nothing to add to it."

able to say this to you."

An emotional Laura Max-well, lan's wife and a former model, rushed across the

have helped Kevin." John Warnford-Davis, Pan-

well's widow, was not in

The two brothers, who were both on legal aid, gave thumbs-up signs to the wait-



Taste of freedom: Ian and Kevin Maxwell, with Ian's wife Laura, leave court after their 121-day trial. The Maxwells held a family party last night to celebrate the verdict

ing media but neither would comment on whether the verdicts vindicated their father. They spent two hours in their solicitors' chambers and then fought their way through waiting photographers to a waiting Land Rover. Ian Maxwell said: "I am going to take it one day at a time. The chamcagne stays on ice. Laura has been wonderful. She has stood by

me everyday."
The jubilant family later gathered for a private celebration. After the courtroom gasps which greeted their acquittal. Alan Suckling QC, who led the prosecution, asked

Lord Justice Phillips for a seven-day adjournment to consider future prosecutions.

But amid growing expects tion that the SFO would not proceed with eight outstanding charges against the Maxwells and four other men, Alun Jones QC, for Kevin Maxwell, said it would be "oppressive" to do so and cause stress and anxiety. He said: "No jury has ever had a better opportunity to judge a defendant's honesty than in this case." A decision will be taken within the next week.

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Fraud office is in the dock again

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND ROBERT MILLER

THERE were calls last night for dramatic changes in the way the Serious Fraud Office operates.

Senior City figures and former SFO officers said that they have watched in disbelief as trial after costly trial has foundered. Some have dubbed the organisation the Serious Farce Office. The SFO started investigat-

ing Maxwell's business affairs less than a month after Robert Maxwell disappeared on November 5 1991. The Maxwell trial is estimated to have cost £30 million and the reputation of the SFO was

Yesterday's result follows similar high profile "failures". such as the loss of the Brent Walker and Blue Arrow cases and including the sentencing of Roger Levitt to community

resting on a successful

into the £58 million collarse of the Levitt Group. This time, however, the

SFO believed it had learnt its lesson. The number of charges was kept to a minimum, whittled down from 10 to just two in order to present a straightforward case to the

Last night there were calls for the abolition of the current trial by jury and its replacement by a panel of legal

stand the complexities of such detailed fraud trials. It is now expected that a governmentsponsored report will be commissioned to consider petting rid of the jury system in such

David Lee, a furmer SFO assistant director who now runs a forensic accounting company, said: "It may be that the jury believed that these were technical offences. Continued on page 2. col b

Commons defeat for daylight Bill

Plans to move British docks an hour forward to be in line with Europe were defeated yesterday in the Commons. Time ran out for John Butterfill's plans when Scottish Office Ministers lined up with Scottish nationalists, northern Labour MPs and Tory Euro-sceptics to wreck Page 10



Ferry hijackers surrender to Turks FROM ANTHONY LOYD AT ANADOLU FENER!

THE armed Chechen sympathisers holding 170 hostages aboard the Turkish ferry Avrasya surrendered peacefully to security forces last night. after contacting lawyers from

The hijackers were taken off the ship by coastguards as darkness fell, after they had made a final attempt to avoid Turkish naval blockade at

the mouth of the Bosphorus. The four-day ordeal ended without bloodshed, except for an injured security guard, in contrast to the heavy-handed assault on the viliage of Pervomaiskoye, in southern Russia. The hijackers threw

an end as a result of the their weapons into the Black intervention of Semsettin Sea as the nightmare ended

for their captives. There was no bargaining," said Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minister. "We told them there was no way they could get away with this kind of thing.

Shortly before the crisis

ended, an unidentified gunman told the ATV network: We have reached our goal. We are ending this action."

The Turkish authorities could bring charges of abduction or terrorism against the hijackers, who may face up to

The incident was brought to

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reported to have assured them that Turkey was an ally of Chechenia, and that any continuation of their action would endanger the relationship. The eight hostage-takers, Turkish nationals of Abkhazian and Tartar origin led by Muhammed Tokcan, had earlier released eight hostages as a gesture of goodwill while the ferry was anchored below Anadolu Feneri, the light-

house on the Asian side of the

Yusuf, the self-styled Chechen

foreign minister, who became

directly involved in talks on

behalf of the Turks. He is

mouth of the Bosphorus. Those freed included two women, a child and the security guard. He was wounded on Tuesday when the gunmen took over the ferry at Trabzon. 270 miles east of Istanbul.

it was unclear whether the Turkish authorities had promised the men leniency. Negotiators had earlier spoken of prison terms varying in length between eight months and ten years. However, any such demency would infuriate the Russians, whose handling of the Chechen crisis sparked the hostage-taking.

Fight for hostages, page 12

Prisoners freed before deadline

A total of 225 Serb and Muslim prisoners were released at Sarajevo airport yesterday, hours before a Dayton peace accord deadline, the International Committee of the Red Cross said. Pierre Gautier, a Red Cross official, said the prisoners from the two sides were freed

Bosnia deadline, page 16

South Africa win South Africa went 5-1 up in the seven-match cricket series with a 14-run win in the sixth fimiled-overs match against England. South Africa's 129

was their lowest score in one-

day internationals... Page 48

Major says social chapter is immoral

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR signalled yesterday that he will use the social chapter as one of his main political weapons in the run-up to the general election. The Prime Minister, who delighted Euro-sceptics carlier this week by agreeing to a White Paper on Europe, sought to underline the differences with Labour by denouncing the chapter, which is backed by Tony Blair, as

"immoral". He used a speech in Birimingahm to regain the intitiative after renewed speculation of a new plot to remove

him. He used some of his strongest language yet to criticise interference by Brussels in workers' rights and gave a warning of the future impact of more regulations on employment and social issues. But the Labour leader dis-

"exaggerated. violent and Mr Blair said that the social chapter had only proposed two legal changes, one on employees rights and one on parental leave.

missed Mr Major's attack as

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Evidence at sons' trial confirms Maxwell's transformation from war hero to ogre

Dictator of Holborn continues to hold sway from beyond the grave

EVEN in death. Robert Maxwell could not be silenced. His ghost stalked the courtroom in Chancery Lane as witness after witness spoke of cease-Group's Holborn headquarters. Maxwell's presence could be sensed at every step of the trial, from documents bearing his signature, flashed up on the courtroom screen, to accounts of his last moments on Lady Ghislaine, his luxury motoryacht

Jurors were drawn into the world of a dictator and megalomaniac who bullied his children and forced directors and bankers to bow to his every demand. He was "an investment manager of one" who signed away millions with one hand, then casually dispensed authorising documents with the other.

Maxwell's lifestyle epitomised the excess of the 1980s. Office workers in Holborn grew used to the sound of his Squirrel helicopter landing on the roof of Maxwell House. Two Gulistream executive jets were on hand for longer trips and there was a Rolls-Royce for more mundane journeys.

Wealth did not always marry with good taste. Maxwell once ordered his chauffeur to stop outside a fish and chip shop and proceeded to eat the impromptu meal in the comfort of his leather-clad seat. He dressed in rurban and slippers at a party thrown by billionaire US publisher Malcolm Forbes and was famously photographed on his yacht in a T-shirt bearing the slogan "Are We Rich Yet?" His life was insured for £20 million.

Maxwell's early days had a touch of Ernest Hemingway. Born Ian Ludvik Hoch to

Allies after the Normandy landings, using the name Leslie du Maurier, taken from a brand of cigarettes. Hailed for was awarded the Military Cross for storming an enemy emplacement under fire. A senior officer suggested the name Robert Maxwell, and the transformation was It was in the liberated Paris

that he met Betty Meynard, soon to become his wife. Maxwell told her of his dream of becoming a British MP and went on to realise his ambition with mixed success, taking his place on the backbenches under Harold Wilson - and embarrassing everyone with a rambling opening speech. Maxwell's wealth and rumbustiousness never sat comfortably with the subtle ways

Business brought success

attracted the lasting hatred of Harold Macmillan and others over the collapse of Simpkin Marshall, which acted as an intermediary between pub-lishers and bookshops. "Captain" Maxwell, as he liked to be known, conceded that he had come down flat, but was on the up again. The Bouncing Czech was born. By the time of his death, the Maxwell empire embraced everything from Mirror Group Newspapers and The European, to Berlitz

language courses. Such was Maxwell's regime of fear - writs were routinely issued - that the transforma tion from war hero to ogre became apparent only after his death. The jurors at the trial of his sons were told how he would routinely humiliate senior managers and staff included - despite flashes of generosity. Kevin, giving evidence, spoke of his father's bullying streak and

The collapse of the Maxwell empire prompted changes in pension legislation and sent a ipple of fear through British boardrooms. Never again, it was said, would one man be allowed to dominate a business empire through tyranny and fear. The trial may be over, but Maxwell's spectre

Friends would tell how silence was demanded when Maxwell The mial provided some

answers to the most intriguing question of all - what han pened to Robert Maxwell in the early hours of November 5, 1991? Did he run from his cabin, gasping for air, and overboard after suffering a heart attack? Did he commit suicide, realising his empire was on the brink of collapse? Or was he assassinated by Mossad agents over his role in shadowy Israeli

Kevin Maxwell provided a tion: his father probably fell overboard while urinating. Maxwell was a light sleeper. who would wake often, and found it convenient to relieve himself over the side. The spot he favoured was guarded by a thin piece of wire and was "not the safest part of the vessel".

An autopsy found that Max-well's left shoulder had been subject to "immense and extraordinary strain", suggesting he had grabbed at the rail as he fell but had been dragged down by his weight. The Israeli pathologist concluded that suicide was unlikely, adding: "It is more likely that he fell into the sea either as a result of accident or homicide." Another medical witness suggested the death was consistent with a syndrome in which people faint during or after urinating.

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The publisher, dubbed "an investment manager of one", in his office at Maxwell House

Tycoon's grave attracts only the angry

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

AT THE Jewish Cemetery overlooking valley where God will judge humanity, visitors are already pronouncing lgment on Robert Maxwell. Shattered glass lies around his tombstone, a frequent target for bottles thrown by those angry at having lost money in the

said Ahed Ziad, the 70-year-old Arab gravedigger and cemetery caretaker. "I

catch people. I tell them, 'Please don't do it'. I ask them why they do it." While the vandals have made the pilgrimage, few friends or relatives have

been to the grave near the top of the Mount of Olives, facing Jerusalem's old city, for some time. It is enstomary for. Jews to place a small stone when visiting a grave. None has been placed recently on top of Maxwell's tombston

A woman, who identified herself as Maxwell's sister, was the last person seen by Mr Ziad practising this custom

there and asked me for a candle which she also placed on top. She did not speak Hebrew. I think she was from London." Mr Ziad knows the site well, not only because tourists sometimes ask for it. It is the location of perhaps the biggest grave he has had to dig in the cemetery. Big man, very fat," he said of the shrouded corpse placed in the ground in November 1991 in what amounted to a Shamir, then the Israeli Prime Minis-

Tears and hugs as the Maxwells are cleared

Maxwell, known then as Leslie du Maurier,

guered director of the SFO. aid that the Maxwell verdicts will not damage the organisbrought. We must respect the jury's decision. I would not see

it as a waste of money. Mr Staples said a very large sum of money had gone missing and this had to be thoroughly investigated."We had to bring to it very considerable resources to do that I believe that in this case the system has worked as it was designed to work.

We are supposed to be neither pleased nor disappointed at the outcome of these cases. We simply have to ensure that the evidence is put before the court and the defenhas happened in this case. To

worked as it should do." Immediate demands from MPs for a statement from the

onowed the verdicts. Paul Boateng, Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, said: "This is a grave and potentially fatal setback for the SFO that calls into question the future of that institution. There must now be a serious question mark as to whether a fundamental overhaul should now take place in the process of bringing to justice those responsible for

Alex Carlile QC, the Liberal Democrat, said Sir Nicholas should explain "how the disastrous decision to prosecute them, at enormous public expense, was taken".

Lord Denning, former Mas-

ter of the Rolls, said: "The verdict involves a criticism of the Serious Fraud Office in taking this case up. Although Attorney-General Sir Nichothe prosecution may have peen launched in good laith nevertheless the verdict of the jury shows the prosecution was mistaken. Our system of trial by jury has been vindicated even in a case taken up by

the SFO." Kevin Maxwell was alleged to have conspired to swindle Micror Group and other pen-sioners out of shares worth more than £100 million to shore up imperilled companies owned by his father.

After Robert Maxwell died off the Canary Islands in November 1991, Kevin and lan were alleged with others to have used another £22 million of pension fund assets in an effort to pay pressing debts

group from collapse. Jurors accepted Kevin's claim that his father had

shown him a fax stating that shares worth ElDO million had been properly transferred from the pension funds to the private Maxwell companies. The judge, in his summing

up, said it was for the jury to decide whether Kevin was telling the truth. If they believed his claim, then he had to be found not guilty of fraud. The brothers counted on the

support of the banks but rumours that their father had committed suicide sent the shares into a tailspin, seriousundermining bank loans. The expectation that a mysterious Middle Eastern "white knight" would inject up to £400 million into the com-

well's former aide who has employed both brothers since their arrests in 1991 as consultants at her Mayfair-based business Westhourne Communications, was in the public

She said: "I was always convinced of their innocence. justice has been done. Now we can get back to the land of the

Civil cases against the Maxwell brothers to try to claim back millions of pounds may be affected by the jury's not guilty verdicts, it was claimed. Solicitor John Fordham, whose firm represents 30,000 Mirror pensioners, has so far successfully clawed back £276 million from the missing £450 million fortune plundered from Robert Maxwell's

Jean Baddeley, Robert Max- Continued from page 1 the Roskill committee report with cases involving more whether there should be an

expert panel in major fraud trials rather than a jury." John Wood, founder direct tor of the SFO, recently said: We need to look again at the jury - not necessarily to do away with it, but to see whether we should go back to the special jury, abolished many years ago."

SFO officers were said to be "shocked and gutted" by the verdict, having hoped for at

Last year the Davie report to Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, recom-mended that the SFO be kept as an independent organis-ation and be expanded to take over some of the work of the Crown Prosecution Service. The SFO was created after

osecution of serious fraud." At a time of mounting City scandals, the proposal won strong support. The Criminal Justice Act of the following year paved the way for its formation in 1988.

Fraud Office under fire

After its failures the agency has been to great lengths to defend its record. Excluding the Maxwell defendants, it claims a conviction rate in 143 cases brought by the SFO since 1988 to nearly 200 out of

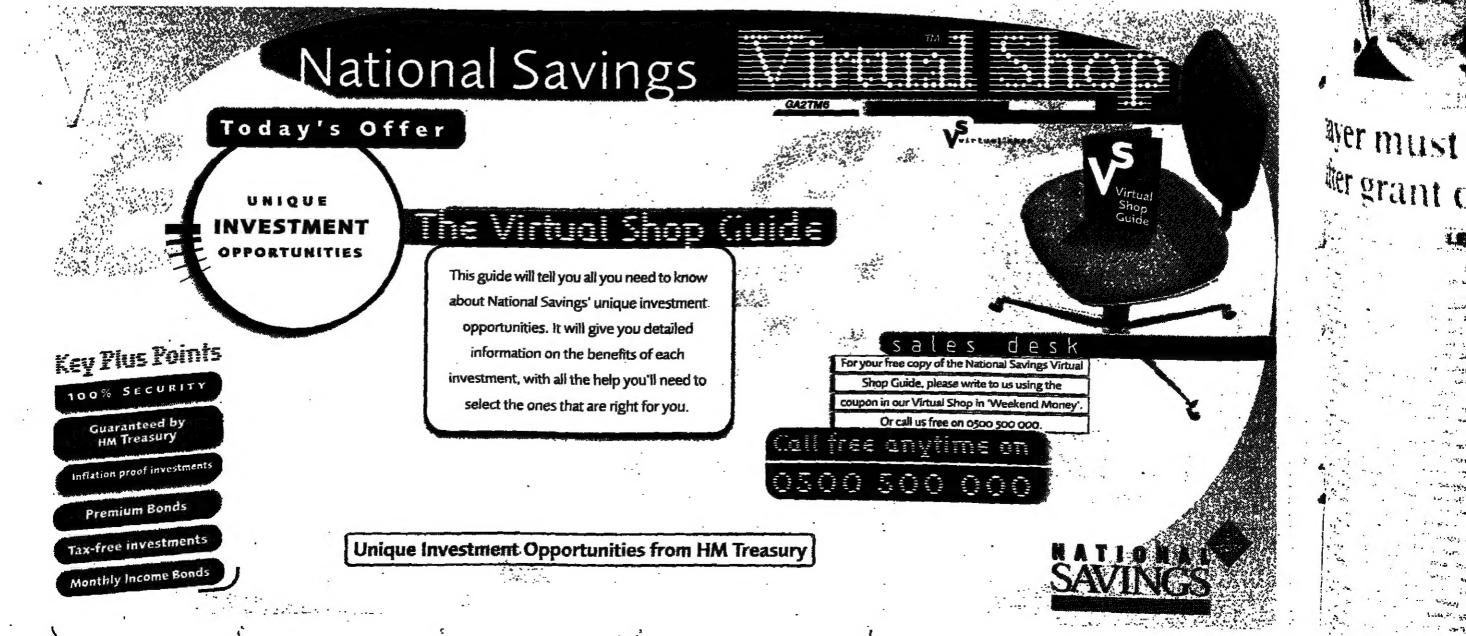
321 defendants prosecuted. The objective of the SFOwas to tackle serious cases of fraud more effectively by bringing lawyers, accountants and police together in a special investigative team. It deals

Commerce International, and Blue Arrow affairs and, more recently, the Barings Bank collanse

The SFO has a budget or around £18 million a year and around 140 permanent staff, mainly lawyers and accountants. Police officers are attached to the agency from their own forces for each investigation.

Under Section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act, SFO members can require individproduce documents, on pain of prosecution. The SFO describes the powers as "invaluable for getting to the heart of complex frauds".

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Crown's failure to secure a conviction is likely to provoke demands for reform

* Not-guilty verdicts put System back in the dock

REPORTS BY FRANCES GIBE

THE dramatic acquittal of the Maxwells yesterday will fuel the debate among prosecution authorities over whether juries are capable of trying complex fraud trials.

It will also, at the very least, strengthen the case — backed by the Lord Chancellor but opposed by the Lord Chief Justice — for research into

how juries carry out their task. If any jury was expected to quash the growing belief that ordinary people should not try such trials, it was the Maxwell jury. The five men and seven women were chosen after an American-style procedure, unprecedented in this country, designed to pick the model jury for a lengthy fraud trial. Lord Justice Phillips won admiration from prosecution and defence alike for his trial management. It was ironic, therefore, that despite such efforts the Crown failed to secure any convictions.

But yesterday the Bar gave warning against condemning the jury system on the back of the acquittals. Christopher Sallon, QC, chairman of the Bar's public affairs committee, said: "If people argue that juries should be scrapped in fraud trials, they are really saying the Maxwells should have been convicted. I am very anxious that this should not be

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a prelude to judge the ability of juries in fraud trials. I think it vindicates the system. We have serious criminal charges, with penal consequences, and tried by members of the public with the evidence properly prepared by the Serious Fraud Office and properly presented. The judge, too, was of the highest calibre."

highest calibre."

Lord Justice Phillips, 57, brought in a series of innovations to make the trial as manageable and comprehensible to jurors as possible. Richard Lissack, QC, one of the leading prosecuting counsel, said: "He has been the



Lord Justice Phillips

single greatest influence on the trial. His conduct has been faultless. What has been so remarkable has been his temperament — his patience and attention to detail, and his fairness to everyone: counsel, defendants, witnesses, the jury, the press."

Known as a "Rolls-Royce" judge, Lord Justice Phillips won plaudits for his deft handling of the Barlow Clowes trial in 1991. From well before the start of the Maxwell trial, he adopted the new "hands-on" approach advocated by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, and by Lord Woolf, who is chairing an inquiry

In the pre-trial hearings he was "pro-active, not just a passenger", according to one lawyer, and was involved at every stage. He had the indicement reduced from ten charges to two — a manageable task for one trial.

The system of jury selection over two weeks involved silting about 700 potential jurors down to 70 through the use of lengthy questionnaires and then orally questioning those on the shortlist.

The aim was to find people who would be able and willing to stay the course of a trial lasting several months. Ac-

count was taken of people who had holidays booked or problems with childcare. Potential jurors were asked their jobs, what papers they read, and what they had read about the Maxwells.

Once before, in the Kray brothers trial, juries were asked whether they had been influenced by press publicity, but this time extensive questionnaires were used. Potential jurors were asked, American-style, if they had heard of the accusations against the Maxwells and if they would be able to be dispassionate about them.

Two batches of 350 were

given questionnaires. Their answers excluded 550 for a variety of reasons including ill health, personal and holiday booked. The replies of the other 150 were screened by judge and lawyers for both Crown and defence and put into one of three groups, A, B

One quarter fell into C and were rejected on grounds of literacy and "in the interests of justice". Nearly three quarters went into B because answers were incomplete or ambiguous or inconsistent. They were questioned further personally by the judge, before lawyers. Just a handful went into A, with no apparent grounds for being syrbuded.

After the further questioning, further jurors were ex-



cluded: one seemed too keen, another seemed not to be truthful in not knowing anything about the Maxwell allegations. From the final shortlist, 12 were then drawn

at random.

The judge also introduced a new court day of 9.30am to 1.30pm, with the afternoons reserved for legal argument. It meant jurors did not have to concentrate all day and saved them having to keep coming in and out of court while counsel

discussed legal points in their absence. The judge also provided the jury with a summary of his 3'2-day summing-up, although lawyers were critical of the refusal to allow juries to have daily transcripts of proceedings.

A keen advocate of new technology, the judge promoted the use of the computer system in court to the full. Prosecuting counsel provided a "road map" of all documents that they would call, down to

the passage to be examined. These were then instantly produced on screen and displayed on all the monitors around the courtroom.

The courtroom itself was far cry from the traditional Crown Court. Light and airy, it was packed with desks and computers and resembled an open-plan office. There was no dock, and the defendants sat, American-style, with their

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the trial outcome, the judge has provided a blueprint for management of such trials in future. His abilities have already been acknowledged: mid-way through the trial, he was promoted to the Court of

Not only does Lord Justice Phillips have a high reputation intellectually, he is well-liked. In a recent survey by Legal Business he was one of the three most popular judges with lawyers.

'He is in court because he is his father's son'

FROM the moment the jurors withdrew to consider their verdicts last week, the prosecution privately acknowledged the distinct possibility that the Maxwells would be cleared.

The crown team, led by Alan Suckling, QC, and Richard Lissack. QC, had deployed their case faultlessly; and they believed it to be a strong one. The trial had run smoothly and been managed with flair by Lord Justice Phillips.

ones, QC, for Kevin Maxwell particular, had argued skilfully that Robert Maxwell's sons had not acted dishonestly; and nor, for that matter, had the late Maxwell. For Robert Maxwell was effectively on trial with the other defendants: in a rare move, the late newspaper proprietor was named on the indictment as a co-defendant in the conspiracy to defraud. The logical conclusion, Mr Jones told the court, was that conviction of Kevin would involve conviction of his father; acquittal would imply

his father was not guilty.

Mr Jones' approach was two-pronged: first, he did not seek to impute dishonesty to Robert Maxwell and distance his sons. On the contrary he defended him, insisting Robert Maxwell was innocent of any fraud in his handling of pension fund assets.

He said Robert Maxwell had believed he acted lawfully when he helped remove £100 million in assets from Maxwell pension funds to pay VIDE DE PAGE EL LEVE

debts elsewhere. To that end, he argued his death was never suicide, but an accident. "We do not accept that Robert Maxwell killed himself," he said.

In a second line of argument, he maintained that even if Robert Maxwell was guilty of the dishonesty alleged — which Mr. Jones accepted was "one real possibility" — then Kevin was not.

Similarly. Edmund Lawson, QC, for Ian Maxwell, told the jury: "Ian Maxwell finds himself in the metaphorical dock (there was no actual dock in the courtroom) not because of what he did, but because of who he is; a Maxwell and his father's son."

Maxwell and his father's son."
The sons, the court heard, were victims of their father, a "dominant and controlling



Alun Jones QC: argue

force" whom they had believed and admired. They had simply followed his instructions, believing what he told them. Kevin, Mr Jones said, had accepted the Scitex shares had been properly transferred to RMG "because his father had

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One problem for the defence remained: Kevin Maxwell's lies, on his own admission, to bankers. Again, though, he said that he had done so "only with great reluctance on his father's angry instructions". He told the jury of the shame he felt at having agreed with the orders his father gave during a stormy session at which the publisher thumped the desk with his fist.

The question of truthfulness was at the heart of the trial. Lord Justice Phillips emphasised that the key factor was whether the jury believed Kevin Maxwell had lied in the witness box.

"Allegations of lying have featured very large in this trial," he said. The jury, he said, must compare truthfulness of any witness by comparing his evidence with other evidence available and contemporary documents.

Only the jury could decide whether Kevin Maxwell was telling the truth when he claimed his father told him that ownership of shares at the centre of the alleged pension funds fraud had been transferred to the private Maxwell companies. Yesterday they unequivocally did so.

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Taxpayer must foot £30m bill after grant of legal aid

THE Maxwell trial is likely to enter the record books as the most expensive criminal prosecution for which the taxpayer has had to foot the bill. The final cost is predicted to reach E30 million, taking into account more than four years' investigation by the Serious Fraud Office, pre-trial preparation by four separate teams of barristers, solicitors and accountants (one team per defendant, but reduced to three at the trial after one defendant fell ill) and the eight-month trial itself.

Although there have been other big fraud cases, such as the Guinness and Blue Arrow trials, the entire costs of the Maxwell trial have been borne by the public purse, because all three defendants were on legal aid. The cost will add weight to the inquiry by the Lord Chancellor into the availability of legal aid for people who enjoy apparently javish lifestyles.

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The legal teams have been working on the case for more than four years. The three defendants have employed counsel and solicitors on enhanced rates because of the complexity of the case. Oueen's Counsel, for exam-

LEGAL COSTS ...

ple, may receive £257.50 per hour and solicitors up to £200 per hour. The legal aid bill alone had

reached £4.75 million by last May and is expected to be more than £11 million now.

The SFO estimates the costs of its whole investigation, which began in December 1991, a month after Robert Maxwell was found dead at

sea, to be around £11 million.
The jury went out on day
121 of the trial, which was held
in the Old Bailey's courtroom
at Chichester Rents, specially
adapted and equipped for
lengthy fraud trials and used
in the Blue Arrow and

Barlow Clowes cases.

Crown Court trials cost on average £7,000 a day, but the daily cost of a trial involving large legal teams and the technology, such as instant transcription of evidence, will be much more.

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The judge, jury, defendants and their lawyers, the press and the public all had sight of monitors displaying documents or parts of them as they were called in evidence via a computerised system called

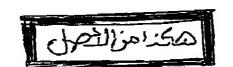
Showcase, pioneered by Legal Technologies of London. Each of the three defendants was represented by full teams of leading and junior counsel and solicitors. The prosecuting team was led by

Alan Suckling QC, and Richard Lissack, QC, with two juniors, and solicitors from the SFO.

Kevin Maxwell was represented by Alun Jones, QC, with Clare Montgomery and Leah Saffian. His solicitor is Keith Oliver from Peters &

Michael Hill, QC, led the defence for Larry Trachtenberg, with James Richardson as his junior. His solicitors were Russell Jones & Walker. Ian Maxwell was represented by Edmund Lawson. QC, and Peter Doyle, with John Clitheroe, senior partner of Kingsley Napley, as his

The Maxwell brothers' entitlement to legal aid prompted a furore and questions in Parliament. Kevin Maxwell became eligible after being declared bankrupt owing £406.5 million.



Multimillion-pound demolition of house that Bob built



Maxwell in party mood at the height of his powers

AT ITS peak the Maxwell empire looked unstoppable — a sprawling colossus embracing 800 companies and with interests in newspapers and publishing on both sides of the Atlantic But after Robert Maxwell's death it was exposed as a house of cards, built on uncertain foundations and shored up by multimillion-pound bank loans.

Four years on, Maxwell's public and private interests have been scattered far and wide. A controlling stake in Mirror Group Newspapers was sold more than two years ago and nearly £800 million was raised from the sale of two key assets: Macmillan, the New York-

Waterhouse, administrator of Maxwell Communication Corporation (MCC), the main quoted Maxwell company, has completed its asset sales and is mopping up disputed claims and outstanding legal action. More than \$1 billion (£662 million) has been raised from sales involving the 400 companies under the MCC umbrella, and creditors have received 31p in the pound. Total realisations could reach \$1.36 billion to \$1.45 billion (£900-£960 million), giving credi-tors a total payment of 36p to 42p in the pound.

The American disposals brought in the bulk of the spoils. Macmillan was sold to Paramount Commun-

ber 1993. Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publisher, had bought OAG for £417 million two months earlier. Mark Homan, senior joint ad-

ministrator of MCC, said: The back of the job is broken. It has been a phenomenally difficult assignment." Price Waterhouse had to deal with British and American law simultaneously, and had teams shuttling back and forth across the

A further 400 companies fell under the umbrella of privately owned Robert Maxwell Group (RMG). Interests spanned helicopters, market research and publishing interests in Hungary, Israel and America. British holdings included a near 55 per cent stake in Mirror Group Newspapers (MGN), owner of titles including the Daily Mirror and The Sporting

MGN continued to trade throughout the storm over Robert Maxwell's plundering of the pen-sion funds and embarked on a fierce round of cost-cutting under David Montgomery, who was ap-pointed chief executive in October 1992 Arthur Andersen, administrator to the Maxwell private companies, distributed the Maxwell stake among City institutions in September 1993, raising £373 and pensioners.
British International Helicopters

was the last of the Maxwell private companies to be sold - to a management buyout in January 1993. Other private interests included AGB, the market research company, which is now part of Taylor Nelson AGB, the UK's largest market research company. AGB's assets in mainland Europe

were sold separately. One of Maxwell's pet newspaper interests, The European, was snapped up by the Barclay Brothers in January 1992. American subsidiaries of the investment company London & Bishopsgate were sold to a management buyout in February 1992. Maxwell Cable TV

million for the benefit of creditors and Nuffield Press were also sold to management teams. Stakes in Oxford United and Reading football clubs found buyers.

After seeking Chapter II protec-tion, the New York Daily News was bought in October 1992 by Mort Zuckermann, an American property investor and magazine publisher. Back in London, MGN's former headquarters in Holborn stands

vacant, awaiting redevelopment.
One of the few Maxwell companies to "get out in time" was British Printing Corporation, which prints many of Britain's biggest-selling magazines. It was bought from MCC by its management in January 1989, eight years after Robert Maxwell had added it to his expanding portfolio.

Result may harm legal attempts to retrieve fund's lost investments

THE PENSIONERS

year old pensioner appoint-

ed an MBE in the New

Year Honours List for "ser-

vices to Maxwell pension-

ers", has proved to be a redoubtable fighter. She said yesterday: "I heard the verdict on radio and just

broke down and cried. Now

the court has reached its

not-guilty verdict can you

please tell me who was

responsible for taking our pension fund money? We

estimate that the case has

That money could have

been much better speni.

There is nothing left for us

in this country any more.

The verdict still doesn't alter

the fact that all my pension-

ers have been put through four years of living bell."

worked as a catering man-

ager for 20 years at Petty's.

the Leeds printing firm taken over by the Maxwell

empire, began her cam-

paign to secure a safe future for herself and thousands

of pensioners within

months of Maxwell's death

Needham, who

AND KAREN ZAGOR

CIVIL cases against the Maxwell brothers to claim back millions of pounds in pension money may be affected by yesterday's verdicts, according to the solicitor for the 32,000 Mirror Group pensioners.

They have so far successfully clawed back £276 million from the missing £450 million fortune plundered from Robert Maxwell's companies. But not enough money has been recovered to enable future pensioners to exercise their right to take their pensions in a lump sum. However, there is enough money in the fund for current employees to collect their pensions when they

John Fordham, of the London solicitors Stephenson and Harwood, was appointed to track down and recover missing funds from Maxwell's Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd, which is now in

After the verdicts he said: Last year we recovered £270 million for the liquidators and pensioners, but this has not completely filled the hole left by the missing funds. The amount of lost money changes all the little but int total is thought to be around £450 million. It is estimated that around three quarters of this sum has been recovered.

He went on: "So far we have got enough money to pay out all the current pensions and those that will mature in the future, if people want them paid in the normal way. But at the moment there is not enough for people who want to take the pension in one lump

Mr Fordham said he knew where the missing money had gone: "It was used to prop up ailing businesses in the em-

However, there is not thought to be a "pot of gold" hidden in a far country. "If there was a treasure trove stashed away, then it would have found by now by the liquidators."

He thought it was too early to say if the verdicts would affect any civil cases outstanding against the Maxwell brothers. "It should not have a direct result on them, but there could be an indirect bearing

There are several cases that have been prepared which are still in litigation between the

There are different stan-

dards of blame and proof

required in civil and criminal

in November 1991. courts," he said. "The Maxwells may say it was a business mistake to move shares from one company to another, but it was not theft.

"It may be a different case in civil proceedings and we have

And the jury have taken this

Ken Trench, chairman of the Mirror Pensioners' Action Group, said they would be asking for early publication of a report into how pensions regulators failed to stop £450 million going missing from a £695 million pension fund. His group's 32,000 memhers were satisfied with their

£276 million out-of-court settlement last year when, he said. City institutions "linally responded to more than three

years of pressure". Mr Trench said it was essential to know what had gone wrong with the regulatory system so that action could be taken to stop anything like it happening again. He said that after Robert

Maxwell's death, when the pension losses came to light. he Securities and Investments Board had asked the investment Management Regula-tory Organisation to investigate what went wrong. "A report was produced by IMRO but we still don't know what was in it. We were told it would be published but it was sub judice until the end of the

trial that has just finished. "We now intend to ask when the report will be published. We need to know what it says so everyone knows what went wrong and what needs to be done to protect pension funds

Tony Boram, chairman of the Association of Mirror Pensioners, said they were "devas-tated" at the verdicts. "Millions of pounds in pen-sion money is still missing. Perhaps the Maxwells will he said.

"We started the legal challenge in 1991 before Robert Maxwell died because we felt he was abusing the fund. All [wish is that he were here to face the music.

Because I was part of the Mirror Group, we had a company to protect us. The Mirror stepped in and helped. but others were in a much worse situation."

Doug Bristow, former direc-

tor of British Printing and Communication Corporation and on the consulting commit-tee of the Maxwell Pension Plan, said: "Luckily everyone rallied round. The banks were good and Parliament was extremely good. The global settlement arranged in March restored the majority of the pension money. But there was a time when some people thought they might get nothing from their pension and it was very worrying to think about what would happen to their widows and children if

they died." Bob Avery, who worked for the Daily Mirror for 36 years and is on the Mirror Association of Pensioners committee. said: "I am not at all pleased. It seems as if justice has not been done. I feel very sad for the others who have suffered



Gruelling trial did not thwart family ambitions

By CAROL MIDGLEY

IF ONE person has found a shred of comfort amid the ruins of the Maxwell empire. it is Pandora Maxwell. The feisty wife of Kevin, who, mistaking them for reporters. let fly at the two policemen who called at dawn to arrest her husband, is five months pregnant with their sixth

It speaks volumes about Pandora, 37, that she refused let the lengthy trial interfere with her plans for a bigger family, tronically, the Maxwell fiasco has enabled her to fulfil one of her ambitions — to abandon London and live with her family far from the madding

Today, their EL5 million home in Chelsea is sold and the family is settled in a lobedroom country house shared with her parents, John and Ruth Warnford-Davis.

"She always wanted to bring up her children in the country and so in a peculiar. roundabout way she has got what she wanted," said Debbie Grossman, the wife of Loyd Grossman, the tele-

GHISLAINE.

PANDORA

vision presenter, and a close friend of Pandora's. "She wanted to be near her parents — she adores family life - and all her time is now taken up looking after five children. With Kevin in court for the past few months she has been virtually coping on

her own." Yesterday as the not-guilty verdicts came in, Pandora was, as usual, picking the children up from school. "I haven't even told Pandora yet," said Kevin as he walked to his solicitors office.

in the small Oxfordshire village of Moulsford, Pandora and Kevin Maxwell have set great store by keeping a low profile. Although they moved in to the former Moulsford Manor Hotel, the wartime retreat for Sir Win-ston Churchill bought 18 months ago by Mr and Mrs Warnford-Davis, locals say

they see the family rarely. But although the family are living in relative luxury - the children still attend private schools, the fees paid by godparents and loyal friends - lifestyles have changed. Home now, though large, is ramshackle. The whitewash is cracked and peeling and much of the building is under-

going renovation. The live in nanny and domestic staff who helped Pandora with her children in London are gone and her days now are a constant round of washing, cooking and cleaning. The couple's last child, Madeleine, was

born in an NHS hospital. The woman who, after meeting Kevin at Oxford University, married him in 1984 largely against Robert Maxwell's wishes, is said to have clashed occasionally

with her father-in-law. Throughout the trial her strength has been "like steel" friends say. Pandora said: "It's obviously a difficult time but I'm just getting on with it. Tilly [10, their eldest child] is my unpaid helper and she's marvellous."

One former acquaintance of Kevin's said: "Pandora has shown herself to be one of life's survivors. She doesn't really give a damn what people think of her as long as her family is OK."

Widow is still paying price for the sins of her husband

BETTY MAXWELL spent most of her life in the shadow of her imperious husband. Today, though free of his tyranny, she continues to pay the price for his sins. She has lost her home in Britain, most of her possessions, and has become a hate figure to many Mirror pensioners. To add to her burdens her health has

suffered too. According to friends she recently developed a stomach tumour, possibly brought on by the strain of the family crisis. It was treated in her native country. France, and

But Dr Elisabeth Maxwell, as she prefers to be addressed, has not only inherited a legacy of despair from Robert Maxwell. More than four years after his death, she remains devoted to his passion, promoting Anglo-Israel relations.

Although not converted she was born a French protestant — she spends much of her time in London attending meetings and doing good works for Jewish causes.

Currently she is on the executive committee of the Anglo-Israel Association, an independent charity in Landon which aims to foster good relations and ander-standing between the two

Her work which has included sponsoring the first major conference on the Holocaust in Britain, inspired the American Zionist Youth Foundation to appoint her Grand Marshal of the 1995 Salute to Israel parade in New York.

She is also a writer - her autobiography, A Mind of my Own, was published in 1994 a well-respected lecturer and charity worker.

But though Maxwell's interests remain in her life the trappings of his wealth do not. The former chatelaine of Headington Hill Hall, Oxford, married to Maxwell for more than 40 years, now resides what she terms a "microscopic" mid-terrace town house in Piralico, southwest London, let to her at a peppercorn rent by the Duke of Westminster.

An irritated voice which answers the security intercom

Georgian building informs callers that, no Dr Maxwell does not wish to talk to anybody, before the receiver is slammed down.

A £3 million château at Montagnac Sur Lede, southwest France, which Maxwell bought for her as a last, extravagant birthday gift, has been mortgaged "to the hilt" to

provide money for Kevin and lan's legal bills.

Dr Maxwell, 74, describes the place as "completely stark" with "nothing on the walls"

When in France she prefers to stay with her sister, Yvonne Vittoz, who is a retired doctor, in a modest house at Maisons-Laffitte, the racing town outside Paris. Headingron Hill Hall where she raised her

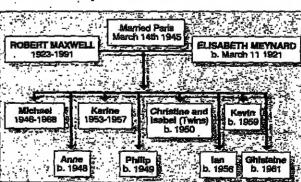


Betty Maxwell: works for Jewish causes

family has returned to its owner, Oxford City Council As a wife and mother Betty Maxwell endured years of tragedy and humiliation. Two of her nine children died, Karine of leukaemia in 1957 when three and Michael in 1961. He had been kept alive for seven years in hospital after a car crash but never

awoke. She suffered the indignity of her husband's obsession with his assistant, Andrea Martin. but insists: "He was besotted, nothing more."

But even after the empire collapsed in ruins, she continued to profess her love for



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The reluctant Daddy's girl

ROBERT Maxwell's youngest child, Ghislaine, appears to be the one who inherited the disgraced tycoon's flair for the social whirl not to mention his linguistic abilities and entrepreneurial acumen. Maxwell lives in New York and stands to make a small fortune of her own this year from a computer business she runs in Manhattan.

Oxford-educated, she speaks several languages and has the dark good looks and flashing eyes which swept the young Robert Maxwell, MC. into Parliament. She was quick to spot the business potential of the Internet and now runs a computerised equivalent of the Yellow Pages which may go public this year. If the flotation is successful. Miss Maxwell should do well financially.

Miss Maxwell moved to

America before her father's



death on the jacht that he named after his favourite child. She said she liked the pace of New York, but it may have been she was also wearying of being used by Maxwell.

He had her pose in front of a load of banknotes for a Daily Mirror singo promotion, and elaborately placed her on the boards of Oxford United and The European, reckoning that

his pretty daughter represent ed the more acceptable face of Maxwell capitalism. In London she lived at his increasingly brusque beck and call. In New York, although she officially took a job as a reporter on Maxwell's Daily News, she knew she would be more free to do as she liked.

These days Miss Maxwell. who was thoroughly vetted (and cleared) by fraud investigutors after her father's death, lives in a modest apartment on Manhattan's well-cushioned Upper East Side. When not working, she spends an increasing amount of her time with the suave Wall Streeter Jeffrey Epstein, with whom she is said to be "besouted".

Friends of Miss Maxwell believe Mr Epstein may be the man to relieve her of her membership of the "on-theshelfers", a group of vivacious. 30-something English girls who chose their nickname on account of their enduring spinsterhood.

Model wife stands by man BY CAROL MIDGLEY

HOME for Laura Maxwell. the former fashion model who once entertained her husband lan's business friends at a £500.000 Belgravia apartment, is now a rented, twobedroom house in an islington square.

Outside there are none of the expensive cars that five years ago were a permanent feature in their Belgravia square. Ian Maxwell drives a BMW that "has seen better days" while his wife, uses a moped. The green paint on the front door is peeling. The curtains, say neighbours, invariably stay closed, shutting out the view of a high-rise council block.

While her husband has been in court. Laura Maxwell has continued to devote energy to her work organization finance for British films. Last year she managed to secure a medium budget for a Shakespearcan film. Previously she

LAURA



worked for United Artists. helping to set up the women'sinterest channel, UK Living,

and the Discovery Channel.
"It's a great relief to get on with my own work, independent of the very public difficulties in which lan and his family are involved." is all she

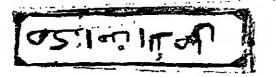
would say on the matter. A near neighbour said: They have been here for over

the neighbours has spoken a word to them. All we really see of them is when they are coming and going. They get very lew visitors here. Every weekend they go away but nobody knows where."

Described as a gentle and sensitive mid-western American girl, Laura; 33, has taken the public hostility shown to her husband badly. She is fiercely loyal and collapsed in tears while Ian was being questioned at Snow Hill police

After leaving a Boston college, the then Laura Plumb led a glamorous life modelling in Europe. She returned to Minnesota to start a career in television and it was at a London party hosted by a cable TV company that she met lan. Five months after their wedding Robert Max-

well was dead. The couple made a joint decision to delay starting a family until after the trial.



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'Tears flooded down my face — it was such an overwhelming feeling'

Crippled woman learns to stand

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN paralysed from the waist down in a car accident five years ago has learnt to stand again with the aid of a computer-operated device implanted in her spine. Julie Hill, 34, who has been confined to a wheelchair since the accident, presses differently coloured buttons on a battery pack strapped to her waist to stand or sit.

Mrs Hill, from Chichester. West Sussex, is the first person in the world to be fitted with the device, which sends tiny electrical impulses to the base of her spine to stimulate the muscles in her legs. "When I stood up for the first time, tears flooded down my face. It was such an overwhelming feeling. It is so good to be able to look at someone eye-to-eye and not have them towering above you," she said.

Her operation was carried out at Salisbury District Hospital before Christmas 1994 but details were not released until yesterday. More than a year later, she has taken her first half-dozen shaky steps.

Mrs Hill, who is married with two sons aged 13 and 11,

said: "I look and feel physically fitter. I can choose to sit and stand at will. Unless you have lost something completely you cannot fully appreciate what that means.

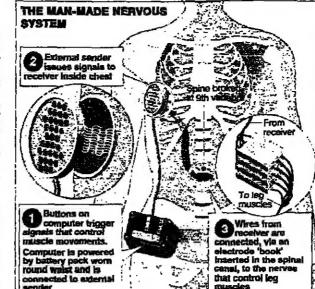
"I am a woman and care about how I look. The shape of my legs improved and I was able to feel comfortable in shorts this summer for the first time since my accident."

Nick Donaldson, a bioengineer who played a vital part in developing the device, said: "Julie has been the ideal patient. She could not have been better."

The eight-hour operation

The eight-hour operation involved implanting a small receiver inside her chest cavity against her ribcage. A dozen wires from the receiver fan out to the base of her spine, below the point where it was broken when the car she was travelling in somersaulted after a tyre blow-out.

The surgeon, Tony Tromans, attached the wires to 12 motor nerves, six each side, where they emerge from the spinal cord in a bundle called the cauda equina (horse's tail). A transmitter powered



by the battery pack is fitted under her arm sending preprogrammed radio signals to the implanted receiver.

The control box containing a computer chip is carried with the battery pack. Programming it to stimulate the right nerves in the right order was achieved by trial and error. Tim Perkins, a bio-engineer

taught how to stand with external electrical stimulation via electrodes attached to her thighs and buttocks. The experience was gruelling but she was determined to succeed.

The operation is an important advanced in the determined to succeed.

The operation is an important advance in the development of electrical stimulation systems to help patients with spinal cord injuries. But researchers are cautious about the system's potential as a walking device. They say future development may allow paraplegies such as Mrs Hill "stepping" access from wheelchair to bed or from car to house door, but it is many years away.

Mrs Hill said: "Developing walking is a distant possibility. I think the wheelchair is always going to be my main means of mobility. But limited walking would mean easier access in awkward transfer situations."

University College

London, who worked on the system, said: "It was infinitely

more complex than we

thought. To get Julie standing

we tried 360 different patterns

in each leg. For future patients

we will be able to carry out the

year of training before the

Mrs Hill had to undergo a

process more quickly."

The project, a joint effort by the Salisbury Spinal Unit, University College London, the Royal London hospital and the Royal National Orthopaedic hospital, is featured in a BBC Television Inside Story documentary on February 1.



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Julie Hill stands up. An implant in her spine stimulates nerves to make her leg muscles work

Lord who ran amok is spared jail term

By A STAFF REPORTER

VISCOUNT POLLINGTON narrowly avoided being sent to prison yesterday for crimes committed after he turned to drink when he found his sister dead from a drug overdose.

The 36-year-old internation-

In a so-year-old international yachtsman, heir to the Earl of Mexborough, discovered the body of Lady Alethea Savile at her home in Chelsea 15 months ago, the Old Bailey was told. "He adored her," David Etherington, for Pollington, said.

ington, said.

His client went berserk outside his local pub in Knightsbridge in July, waving a gun and terrifying customers. A month later he threatened staff at a Chelsea off-

licence after a woman refused to serve him. Yesterday he admitted pos-

session of an imitation gun and affray. He was put on probation for two years on condition that he receives medical treatment for drink and drug problems. He was also ordered to do 100 hours' community service.

Recorder Heather Hallett, QC, told Pollington that although he had been at a very low ebb "it does not excuse your behaviour". "If you do not carry on with your efforts or repeat behaviour of this kind — or if anyone is ever hurt — no court would give you another chance."





How much live
coverage did the BBC ever
give to England's overseas
test matches against
Australia, the West Indies,
India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
and New Zealand?

(for the answer, turn over the page)

FAMILY HOLIDAYS: Brian MacArthur on the teen scene in Turkey and Paul Hoggart visits Legoland



Hidden agenda: wise planning means that hotels and apartment blocks are never more than two storeys high at Ohu Deniz, so they cannot be seen from the glorious beach

ay Turkey and the image conjured up will almost certainly be of the sweeping curve of the beach at Olu Deniz with its lagoon at one end and majestic mountains

It was here last summer that I tried an experiment. At 16, teenagers are on the cusp: they don't really want to go on holiday with their parents but they are not yet quite ready to go off on their own. After the ordeal of GCSEs, they certainly don't want an earnest cultural holiday. At the top of the agenda is a sunny beach

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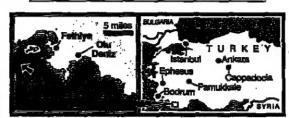
to Istanbul.

We went half-board on a Thomson package to the Olu Deniz Resort Hotel, situated at the easternmost end of the beach, away from the most crowded areas and set in small blocks, where we had spacious rooms with balconies overlooking lush gardens bursting with fruit and flowers. The beach was a two-minute walk away, although several tour-ists (British) preferred to spend their days by the hotel

or (for £105) an overnight visit

Once booked in, cash was banished. Guests buy books of vouchers which are used to pay for drinks and meals that are not included in the pack-age. At breakfast and dinner, the tables groaned with mountainous selections of hors d'oeuvres, chicken, lamb, fish, regetables and fruit.

Turkey fact file: where to stay



☐ The author was a guest of Thomson Discover

☐ A seven-night stay at the Olu Deniz Resort Hotel costs from £299, including flights, room and breakfast, and a week half board from £315. There are departures from 12 British airports.

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My daughter and her friend slept until nearly 10am, before setting off for a day on the beach, swimming, sunbathing and reading, interrupted when the heat became intolerable by a cheap snack at one of the restaurants behind the

Once dinner was over, by

nine, the night was young. Music, Western and Turkish, wafted on the warm night air, along with the sweet-smelling smoke from the barbecues. This was when the girls set off into the night, an anxious parent left behind with the thought that girls cannot always be protected if they are to

grow up and learn to cope on their own — but it was difficult. They survived. I sur-vived, though not without a few worrying moments when they had not returned to the hotel by midnight. But they were enjoying themselves hugely, meeting boys of all nationalities in the discos, afterwards sitting on the beach playing quitars. beach playing guitars.

he Deniz would not be to everybody's taste. It is now a mass tourist resort, although in early July it was not unbearably overcrowded. Geography and wise planning also give it one big advantage. Behind the beach the land falls back, so from the sea and the beach, the hotels, all only one or two-storeys high, cannot be seen and you feel that you are swimming directly under the

Yet in the dip behind the beach there has grown a busy, bustling, makeshift high street", a promenade of restau-rants, cafes, bazaars, bars and discos. At night, the resort throbs with life and music. It is lively without being yobbish, crowded or brutishly noisy.

It was not a holiday I would have chosen myself but it was enthusiastically voted a success by the two girls.

Mini village is a model of ingenuity

rine fantasy. The Brit-A ish enjoy old-world funfair vulgarity. The descendants of the mighty Viking Sven Forkbeard, however, have a 25-acre theme park devoted to tiny, noduled

The Danish inventor, Ole Kirk Christiansen, is a most unjust omission from the No-bel Peace Prize roll. Lego is capable of tranquillising a hyperactive monster in sec-

Ole bought his first plasticmoulding machine in 1947, and his tricksy little cuboids appeared soon afterwards. By the early Sixties the factory in Billund, Denmark, had so many visitors that his son Godifred decided to create an outdoor exhibition of models. Legoland opened in 1968, and Lilleby, the original model village, still lurks in the middle, a

bonsai version of world

Today the park offers rides and activities, pri-

marily for young children, but these are peripheral to what must be the world's largest and most intricate model village. I knew my children (aged three, six and nine) would love it, but expected to find it a trifle naff myself. I was won over.

The heart of the park is
Miniland, a vast area of
reconstructed landmarks and

landscapes, mainly from Teutonic Europe. There are palaces and castles, harbours, waterways and mountain villages, all meticulously copied

I found the Norwegian Lofo-ten island fishing village par-ticularly charming. "Med-bourne", an English wor-modelled on buildings in Chester York and Sternford Chester, York and Stamford, is drab in comparison. The most exotic exhibits are

grouped around the mini-boat ride. A Lego Capitol sits beside a 30ft Statue of Liberty. The Acropolis and the Golden Temple of Bangkok squat

amid the mini vegetation. Beyond Miniland lies a primary-coloured toytown. Everything not actually built

resemble them. Here a Lego there a Lego Indian skulks on a frontier sidewalk. The "theming" is ferociously de-tailed. One café serves Legoshaped chips.

The park has a fine selection of "pink-knuckle" rides, exciting enough to thrill the under-tens. The best are the timber ride, a log-effect roller-coaster the Mine Train and Lego Canoe, which winds past life size American wilderness ani-mals before plunging down a water-splash. Toy animals abound particularly on Lego Safari, a jeep ride through an

African game reserve.
In Legoredo, the western frontier town, visitors can pan for gold or join the Indian tribe of Chief Playing Eagle. There's even a campfire where, for a small fee, you can bake twists

of fresh bread skewered on For the very land offers heli-

copter, train and plane rides, and if it rains there's an indoor area with thousands of bricks lying around to play with.

To get an overview, start with the train ride round the park, or ascend Legotop, the 40-metre, revolving viewing platform. You can just about cover the park in one day but two-day

passes are good value. The Legoland Hotel is in the park, but there are many interesting places to visit in the area. We stayed in the Munkebjerg Hotel in Vejle, half an hour down the road. set in a wooded park full of sculptures and overlooking a fiord. The Hans Christian Andersen museum at Odense

is within easy reach. The new Legoland at Windsor is due to open this year. I wonder how well the phiegmatic Danish charm will survive the transition.

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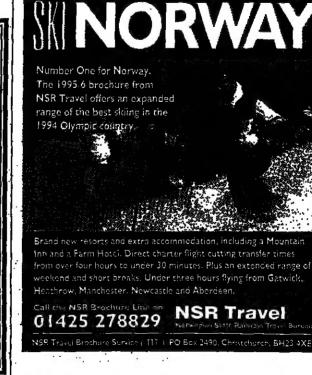
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of violence that claimed thousands of lives and brought the country's economy, its shattered capi-tal, suburbs and towns, and even its people, to the edge of anarchy. In front of them is the Lebanon's prized reputation as the Middle East's market place and the quintessential travel destination.



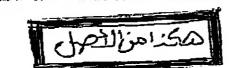
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Lloyds wins £100,000 from couple given bad business advice

By PAUL WILKINSON

A COUPLE who won compensation for bad advice from Lloyds Bank in a landmark case faced bankruptcy yesterday after a High Court judge ruled they must pay the bank £100.000 plus costs.

Damages of £77,500 awarded last September to Richard Spindler and Julia Verity after a judge ruled that the bank had been negligent in dealing with a property development were wiped out yesterday by a successful counter-claim and costs awarded in favour of Lloyds.

Outside court the couple, from Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, said they still believed that they were in the right, although the costs will probably bankrupt them. They plan to appeal. Mr. Spindler, 36, an acupuncturist, said: "We proved that Lloyds were negligent, but

through a legal device they have come out on top financially. We have lost everything. We face costs of £250,000 and damages to the bank of £25,000, but we can still hold our head up. We changed the way banks look at advice given to their borrowers. Morally we are in the right. We took on the big

Mrs Verity, 55, a former primary teacher, said: "We face bankruptcy. We will probably lose our house and be out on the street, but we can still enjoy ourselves even if we do it as tramps. We have no regrets about bringing the case but it is a relief that it is over. We have had this hanging over us for so lone."

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The High Court decision last September alarmed the banking world after Judge Robert Taylor, sitting in Leeds, ruled that Lloyds had been negligent with its advice-

when the couple took a £160,000 loan in 1988 to buy and renovate a Victorian house in their home town.

The collapse of the property market over the next two years and unforeseen costs of £25,000 meant the house could not be sold at a profit and in the meantime they ran up huge debts with the bank on other loans including mortgages on the two houses they already owned.

But Lloyds counter-claimed for more than £141,000, still owed by the couple on those loans. Yesterday, after a four-day hearing at Leeds. Judge Taylor rejected the couple's argument that the debt to the bank on the investment loan had been extinguished when that property was sold, even though the money raised did not cover the debt to the bank. The judge also discounted

their claim that money from

the sale of Mr Spindler's

Richard Spindler and Julia Verity: they face a legal bill of £250,000 after a successful counter-claim by Lloyds

house should have been used to settle their mortgages and other advances and not to cover the business loan given to buy the investment property. The court heard yesterday that at an earlier stage in the legal proceedings-Lloyds had offered to reduce the amount

they were claiming by awarded the bank of its counterclain those of the couple's costs but they rejected the offer.

With interest calculations, which still have to be completed, the couple will owe the bank approximately £25,000. However, the judge also

awarded the bank all the costs of its counterclaim and half those of the couple's original claim because it had not succeeded on all its points.

not splitting up because of the eight-year legal battle but because of their age difference. Mrs Verity is 55, her companion is 19 years her junior.

Mrs Verity said: "I shall be grandmother soon and Richard wants to have children of

Weather delays two balloon expeditions

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The Moroccan launch of Richard Branson's round-theworld balloon flight was delayed last night by a frontal depression over North Africa expected to last at least five days. Martin Harris, a co-pilot of the Virgin Challenger and a professional meteorologist, said in Marrakesh: "If we went now, the Challenger would be propelled north and could encounter heavy iee. Up to a ton of ice can

and could encounter heavy ice. Up to a ton of ice can bring the Challenger prematurely to the ground."

A Dutch attempt to orbit the globe by balloon also faces a delay of at least five days. A persistent front of high pressure over Russia, causing a strong southeasterly wind, has grounded the Unicef Fiyer. Its pilot. Henk Brink, 52, is waiting to ascend from Eindhoven.

Cancer hopes dashed

Two American trials have shown that pills containing the nutrient beta-carotene do not protect against cancer or heart disease. Many doctors had attributed the healthy effects of diets bigh in fruit and vegetables to beta-carotene. One trial was terminated 21 months early when it showed that the risks to smokers were increased. Smokers taking the supplement had a 28 per cent higher chance of setting cancer.

Children to serve drink

Teenagers too young to drink alcohol are to be allowed to serve drinks in pubs and hotels under government proposals for a three-year apprenticeship. Licensing laws are to be changed to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to serve in bars. Campaigners for sensible drinking, including Dr John Rae of the Portman Group, said that it would be difficult for young men and women aged 16 and 17 to refuse to serve alcohol to people under age.

Rail executive found

A senior Railtrack executive who vanished !! days ago from his home in Solihull, West Midlands, was found safe yesterday. Peter Monaghan, 48, was recognised by a hotel manager in north London after his wife made an appeal for him to return home. Mr Monaghan had left home saying he was going to work but did not arrive at his London office. Last night he was being treated in hosoital for a stress-related illness.

Diet deceiver jailed

Peter Foster, 33, the former boyfriend of the model Samantha Fox, was jailed for two years after being convicted at Liverpool Crown Court of conspiracy over a bogus diet. Judge Richard Hamilton recommended that Foster, an Australian who had been living in Barnet. London, be deported. The "Deakin Diet", named after a former Young Slimmer of the Year, was offered for sale by Foster under a false trade description.

Princess visit arrests

Two Sinn Fein protesters were arrested in Dublin yesterday after they broke into the grounds of the British Embassy hours before the Princess Royal was due to open the new building. They were released without charge. In a separate incident two men were arrested in Castlebar, Co Mayo, when an Irish tricolor flag was unfurled as Prince Edward arrived in the town.

Lorry drivers held

Two Austrian lorry drivers were being interviewed yesterday over a hit and run accident on Thursday in which Amy Durling, 15, from Herne Bay, Kent, died as she delivered newspapers on her bicycle. Kent police said that one lorry had been stopped in Wolverhampton and a second was held at Bradford. Both drivers were taken to Kent for questioning.



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Major denounces social chapter as 'immoral tax'

By Jill Sherman, political correspondent

immoral European tax on jobs, John Major said yesterday as he presented his own vision of an "enterprise economy". Mounting a defiant fightback after rumours at Westminster of a new plot to oust him, the Prime Minister signalled that the social chapter would become one of the main battlegrounds with Labour in the run-up to the

In a move that will delight Tory Euro-sceptics, he em-ployed some of his strongest language to criticise rulings by Brussels on workers' rights. Speaking to the Institute of Directors in Birmingham, Mr Major warned of the future impact of more regulations on employment and social issues. claiming the social chapter was a "blank cheque".

He contrasted the rise in unemployment in Germany, France, Italy and Spain with the fall in Britain. "The social chapter should be seen for what it is, a European jobs tax - a tax on jobs by the front door and in time, a tax on jobs by the back door.

That's why it's immoral.
That's why, if I'd signed the social chapter I could never have looked the unemployed in the eye again."

Tony Blair, also on a visit to the Midlands, immediately

THE social chapter is an as "exaggerated, violent and tion as he defended his idea of ludicrous". He pointed out that the social chapter had proposed only two legal changes, one on employees rights and one on parental

a stakeholder economy. There would be no sweeping repeal of trade union laws and

unions would not be treated

with special favours. "We all

want to see a successful, enterprising Britain but we

cannot achieve that without commitment to education,

A strong economy would

build Britain's strength in

Europe, he said. "It is because

of the weakness of our leader-

ship at home that we are weak

He later told the Press

Association: "It is all very well

the Conservatives talking

about delivering an enterprise

economy. They have had 16 years and they have failed and

it is time for a new approach

based on an economy in which

Mr Major's Birmingham speech coincided with reports

that he had overruled Kenneth

Clarke, the Chancellor, in his

decision to publish a White

Paper on the Government's

position on Europe in the run-

up to the intergovernmental

have circulated a paper to his

Cabinet colleagues outlining

his objections to its publica-

tion. He was concerned that a

White Paper could box in the

Government and, at the same

Mr Clarke is believed to

everyone has a stake."

in Europe.

skills and new technology."

Every single other conser-vative party in Europe is in favour of the social chapter, as is every other conservative government," he told BBC Radio 4's The World At One. Mr Major and Mr Blair set

out their own alternative visions - "enterprise" against "stakeholder" - of how to secure greater prosperity for people in Britain. Mr Major reaffirmed his

long-term aim of abolishing inheritance and capital gains taxes and bringing down government spending as a share of national income. "Enterprise is at the heart of a free and prosperous society. With enterprise comes risk, but also reward. It creates competitiveness and builds prosperity and economic growth," he

Developing another theme that will be central to Tory general election strategy, he said: "Our enterprise economy is not negotiable. Our economic success is too valuable to be destroyed by experiments."

Mr Blair, speaking to 400 businessmen and women at a breakfast meeting in Nottingham, received a mixed reac-

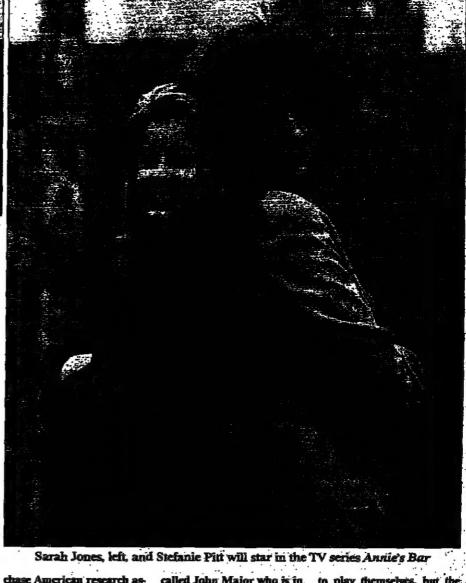


Prince's TV soap smells of politics

THOSE who claim that British politics is more sleazy democratic government may be about to be proved right (Alice Thomson writes). Prince Edward's company, Ardent Productions, has spent "a fortune" producing a TV series based on the life and times of aspiring backbench MPs, which they hope will be "racier than EastEnders".

The series begins on Channel 4 on February I and will be known as Annie's Bar in honour of the House of Commons watering hole. It will be set in and around the Palace of Westminster.

As so often in real life, politics will take a back seat to the romantic peccadilloes and financial shenanigans of our elected representatives. Tory wives are found anxiously chewing their pearls at while their husbands



chase American research assistants around the sofas of the gentleman's club on the

Whips bully recalcitrant MPs in the lavatories and. over crumpets in the tearoom, sacked ministers vow revenge. The plot each week will closely mirror the news with stories on women-only shortlists, stakeholder eco-

called John Major who is to deep trouble and several Tory MPs on the chicken run new safer seats.

MPs, journalists and spindoctors as well as Sir Anthony Jay, co-author of Yes-Minister, have acted as adrisers to the soap.

Edwina Currie, Screaming Lord Sutch and Ken rest of the characters are meant to be fictional, with names such as Stiggy Bed-

ford-Bounds Producers know that they are taking the risk that the real lives of MPs will remain more scandalous than their own series. What credible plottine could include a toesucking minister and a

urity Secretary, said that moves to

counter fraud were welcome but

long overdue. He urged Mr Lilley to

review his departmental arrange-

ments because of the high incidence

Andrew Webster, head of the local-

authority investigation officers group, said the clampdown could

expose even greater levels of fraud. "We reckon it accounts for about 20

per cent of the £10.6 billion paid out last year ... and it could be more than that," he said on the BBC

Radio 4 programme Today.

Daylight wrecked as time runs out BY ALICE THOMSON

POLITICAL REPORTER

PLANS to move British clocks an hour forward to be in line with Europe were scuppered yesterday after a heated debate in the Commons. Time ran out for John Butterfill's olans when Scottish Office Ministers lined up with Scottish nationalists, northern Labour MPs and Tory Eurosceptics to wreck the Bill.

Mr Butterfill (C. Bourne mouth W) was seven votes short of getting his Bill through to committee stage. He gathered 93 votes in favour of a motion to close debate on his British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill but needed 100 to go

The House had not been so full on a Friday since the antihunting Bill a year ago. MPs were jeered by their own benches and the House was split much on geographical lines. There were recriminations on both sides about the way statistics had been "massaged". Campaigners for the Bill were livid that Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secre-tary, had insisted that the 130 MPs on the government pay-roll should not vote, yet his own ministers were exempted. Mr Butterfill emphasised that road safety was the main reason that a change in time was needed. He said an extra hour of light in the evenings would help to cut accidents for

the young, the elderly and those returning from work. He said his case was backed by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, the RAC, AA, builders, British Safety Council, British Medical Association, Police Federa-

tion and 300 businesses. Peter Hain (Lab, Neath) said a White Paper in 1970 showed accidents to postmen doubled the last time double summertime was tried. Mr Butterfill said the Communication Workers Union did not

back that view. Sir Hector Monro (C. Dumfries) asked: "What would the people of London say if this Bill was imposed on them in a way that they were in dark-ness at 1015 in the morning? There would be a riot.

Lilley orders clampdown to cut £730m housing benefit fraud

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER LILLEY pledged yesterday to get tougher on housing benefit fraud after a government survey disclosed it was costing the taxpayer at least £730 million a year.

Labour MPs seized on the finding that most money lost through fraud was in the private sector, and said that unscrupulous landlords rather than tenants were more likely to

cheat taxpayers.

Mr Lilley, the Social Security

authorities showed housing benefit fraud was costing up to £1 billion. It forms the bulk of illegal social security claims, estimated to total £2.4 billion a year.

Mr Lilley announced a series of measures to cut housing benefit abuse by up to 70 per cent, including £10 million for councils to help them set up regular investigations. Ministers also plan to use computer technology to streamline the system to prevent multiple "cross-border" claims in different benefit areas.

benefit claims was fraudulent or incorrect, but error was almost twice as prevalent as fraud. Unemployed people were more likely to commit fraud, with about 12 per cent of claims from this group found or suspected of being fraudulent. Seven per cent of lone parents were suspected or found guilty of fraud. Three in ten frauds involved deception about the amount or existence

Mr Lilley said it would take several years for the measures to particularly where organised fraud has taken root.

"It is a huge amount of money. whichever way you look at it, and we are determined to stop it. It is both landlords and tenants. A lot of them drift into it, accidentally, perhaps, initially, and find it diffi-cult to get out. That is why it is even more important to prevent and deter fraud in the first place than it is to detect it once it gets under way,"

An inquiry into benefit fraud has

been launched by the Commons Social Security Select Committee. and it will particularly study the scale of fraud by private-sector landlords.

Members of the committee have suggested that a single landlord may make housing benefit claims on behalf of dozens of fictitious residents under rules that allow payments to be made direct to landlords. Some are believed to have claimed up to £1 million

Chris Smith, Shadow Social Sec-

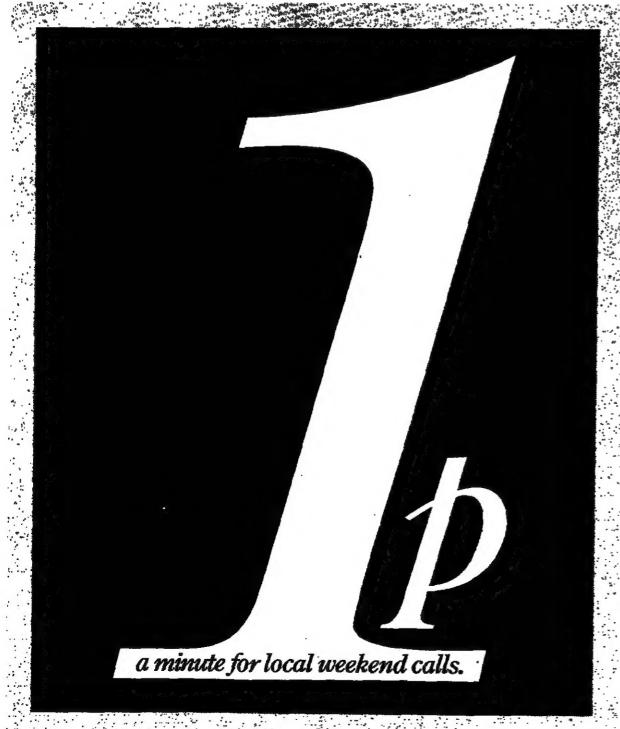
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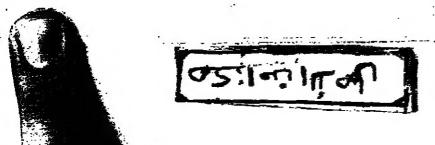
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Search begins for preacher to champion spoken word

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

with the launch of the second Preacher of the Year Award. Preachers from churches of all mations and their consubject sermons for the ege of Preachers and spon-

sured by The Times. The award is open to all lay and ordained preachers aged over 18 with regular access to a preaching platform or pulpit. Preachers can enter themselves or be entered by their emgregations, but no preacher should be entered without

Last year's winner, the Rev Barry Overend from St Chad's in Leeds, was selected from 500 entries. His winning sermon was broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 and he was invited to preach elsewhere and to deliver a new year's essage on local television. He urged preachers to enter or to allow their congregations to enter them. He said: "The final in London did not feel like a competition because I was preaching in a church full

Five preachers will be selected from a shortlist of 30 for this year's final, to be held at Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday, October 30. It will again take place in the context

search for the country's of a service of prayer and meditation, interspersed with

> The Right Rev Michael Turnbull, Bishop of Durham, who is chairman of the council of the College of Preachers and who will chair the judging panel, said: "Preaching the word of God is an indispensable part of the Christian tradition. As a means of communication it is still valid and powerful.

"An element of competition is a good thing. The award is partly a bit of fun, and partly a standards of preaching among all of us."

Those wanting to enter should submit a typed manuscript. Tapes will not be accepted. The closing date for entries is March 31. The winner will receive a specially commissioned sculpture. The five runners-up will receive commemorative plaques, and the sermons of all 30 published in The Times Book of Best Sermons by Cassell.

The 30 sermons shortlisted last year are available now in The Times Book of Best Ser-

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The Rev Barry Overend, the winner of last year's

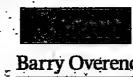
Look beyond biblical stories if you seek God's inspiration

my sense of regret: "His brains oozed out on the ground, his limbs twitched,

The oozing brains and the liturgy. Perhaps usage of witching limbs were those of scripture ought to be astwitching limbs were those of Sisera, the Caananite commander, who was brought to a bloody end by the Israelite heroine Jael. In an ancient, nale-dominated society. Jael truck a blow for feminism by hammering a tent peg into Sisera's head as he slept. The last time I heard that

Bible story, from Judges iv, read in public was at a cathedral service during which choristers from all over gsters and their parents in the congregation. Either by oversight, or more likely by design, no one had seen fit to

In its weekly appraisal of a particular act of worship, this



signed a category of its own. Sometimes it is woefully inap-propriate. After the cathedral service to Which I have referred, the mother of one of the choristers expressed to me her dismay that such a slavish message should not be over-looked. Among my own con-gregation, the contribution from a young people's mime group sometimes "speaks" more forcibly than reading an obscure passage from St Paul. Midway through its much-bersided Decade of Evangeadherence to the lectionary had confronted her child with such a brutal biblical story.

Is it any wonder that her son is already having misgivings about religion in general, and the Bible in particular? At the age of 12 he is growing increasingly sceptical of the Church's claim that the Bible is the "Word of God".

If we want to hear God's

word we need to be far more selective in our public reading of scripture, and far more willing to turn an ear else-where. The writings of past and present saints, novelists

are coloured by its theological presuppositions. The New Testament starts from the premise that Jesus is the Son of God, and the marvels attached to His birth, the source of inspiration as far as ministry, and the mystery that public worship is concerned. Similarly, although the ex-cesses of Sheffield's Nine surrounds His death and resurrection are all intended to impart life-giving faith in O'clock Service need to be avoided, the potential for art. If the Bible as a whole is to music, dance and drama to convey something of God's message should not be over-

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lism, it is high time for the Church to use the Bible more

in accordance with our con-temporary understanding of

just what sort of book it is. Its

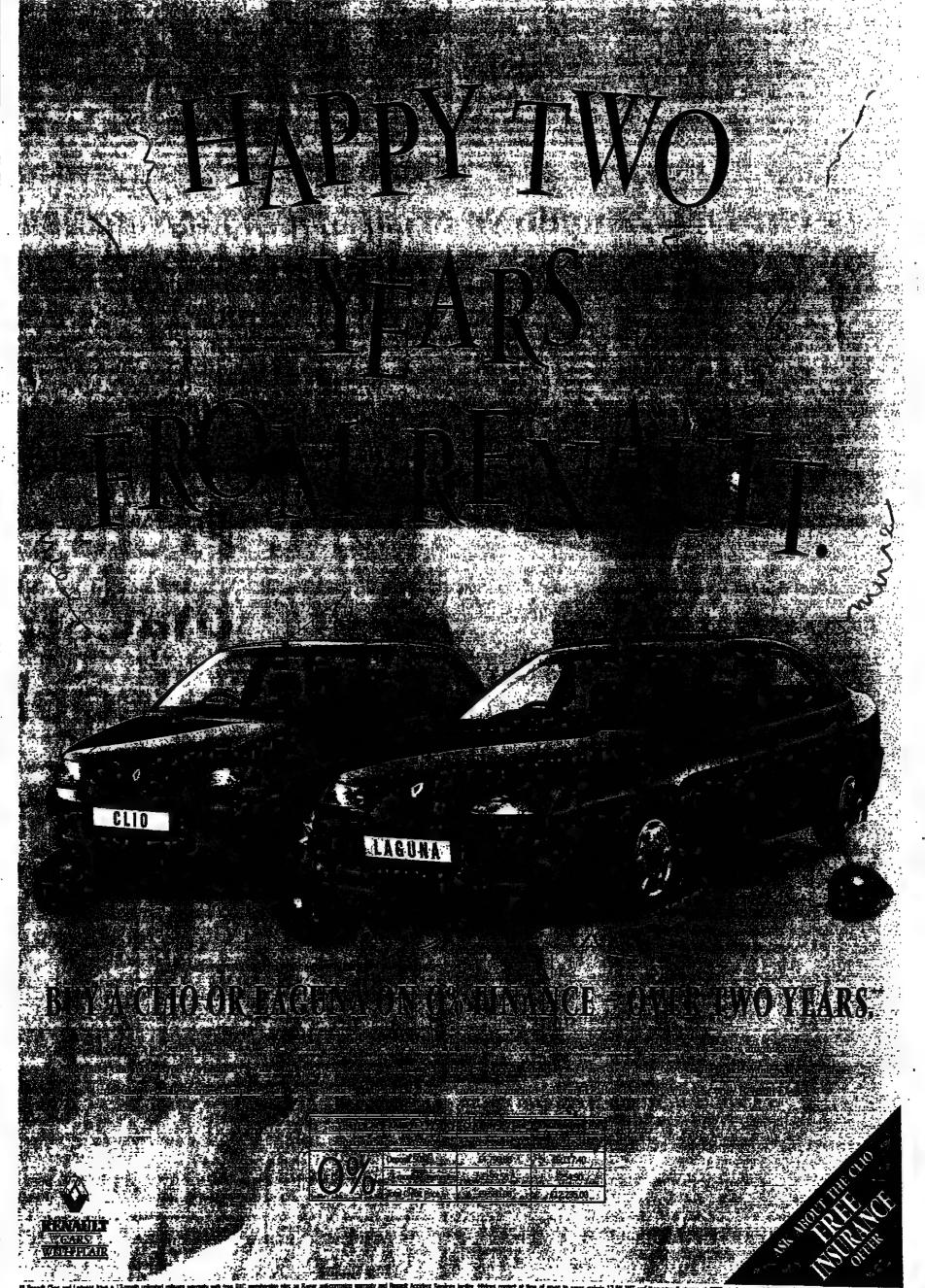
have more in common with

poetic insight than scientific fact. Similarly, the Bible is not

necessarily an accurate his-

impart such faith it needs to ligence and insight rather than revered in a quasiidolatrous fashion. In one church that I know, there is a circular stained-glass window depicting an open Bible high-lighting the text: "The Word of the Lord endures for ever." I have no doubt that it does. discerned on every page of scripture, or that it cannot be

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Chechen fiasco tips electoral scales further against Yeltsin and his fat cats

BY DOMINIC LIEVEN

IN ANY presidential election which was even half-free and halffair. Boris Yeltsin would almost certainly lose. That was true before the latest crisis over Chechenia and it is even more so now.

Moreover, since Mr Yeltsin clearly sees his only chance of survival as the adoption of many of the nationalist, anti-liberal and anti-capitalist policies of his opponents, the West's stake in the Russian administration is becoming increasingly limited.

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administration and some of the fat cats associated with it will have a hard time if the opposition comes to power. Communists or nationalists in the Kremlin will be neither willing nor able to restore socialism or greatly change the existing post-Communist distribution of properry. The power of regional elites make much of the post-Communist "settlement" untouchable. But some interests - such as the gas lobby of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the penalised, some property redistrib-uted, and some spectacular exam-ples might be made of prominent

It would not be impossible to find excuses to postpone the June elec-tions. Chechen terrorism could be one such. The constitutional court is largely sewn up in Mr Yeltsin's interest. It would be difficult to bring out large crowds on the streets of relatively prosperous Moscow against a Government which put off elections

It remains probable that the elections will take place. The West

Monetary Fund — would rightly see postponement as the harbinger of political instability, with an illegitimate, corrupt and divided regime forced to pander to irresponsible lobbies. Just possibly, the miners who helped to destroy Mikhail Gorbachev would do the same to a Yeltsin Government

which called off elections. Mr Yeltsin's advisers will be calculating that, if his health survives, he might scrape home in the summer's elections. It seems probable that the results of last month's elections were "cooked" in Moscow to a greater extent than the Western

press imagines. In the summer the administration will pull out all the stops to repeat its success in an election which is more important to it than the selection of the rather powerless parliament.

Grigori Yavlinsky, the leading light in the liberal camp. is unelectable. In the second and decisive round of presidential elections the liberal electorate willprobably have little alternative but to vote for Mr Yeltsin or abstain. Even without the further widening of the Chechen crisis, Mr

almost everywhere else in the former Soviet bloc elections have brought former Communists back into power, why should Russia be different? And why should the powerless parliament.

In Russia's present mood, risk their necks to swing the relation on behalf of a President whose life expectancy seems

Though Russia's present crisis is dangerous and sad, it is scarcely unexpected. For many reasons the scale of the defence industry, vast inter-regional economic disparities and the number of one-factory towns - it was bound to would probably lose, if

economy than the smaller ones of

East and Central Europe. In one sense there has been a miracle in the former USSR during the past ten years. Notwithstanding the suffering in Chechenia, by the cataclysmic standards of other empires' collapses, the bloodshed unleashed by the almost overnight and unexpected demise of the Soviet Union has been astonishingly little.

The author is Professor of Russian Government at the London School

Moscow warned against turning back on reforms

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IN THE first sign of a hardening in American policy towards Moscow, a top member of the Clinton Administration said the United States may not

support Russian membership of important Western organisations if the country turned its back on economic reform. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, offering a sobering assessment of recent events in Russia since President Yeltsin's damaging political setback in elections last month, said the country also risked losing assistance from

the International Monetary Fund and other agencies. Russia's integration with the institutions of the West, which is in our mutual interest, depends on Russia's willingness to abide by international norms and to stay on the path of reform," Mr Christopher said in a foreign policy

speech at Harvard.

"Récent events reflect troubling signs of Russian reform under strain ... Russia has not overcome the ruinous legacy of seven decades of communism, a legacy visible in the crime, corruption and poverty

of that country."
Mr Christopher said he would deliver the warning to Yevgeni Primakov, the Foreign Minister, when the two meet in Europe next month, it will include a cautionary message about other interna-

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tional economic groups such as the World Trade Organisation and the IMF.

Current negotiations for a crucial \$9 billion Russian loan from the IMF are already said to be in trouble after the resignation of the Deputy Prime Minister Anatoli Chubais, for four years the architect of economic reform. The international body is said to

6 Russia has not overcome the ruinous legacy of communism — corruption

have been making similar depositions to Moscow that financial support must depend on the strength of a secure conomic programme.

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The clear message from Mr Christopher, however, that America would not support Russian membership of such preanisations as the Group of Seven industrialised nations. an institution Moscow has

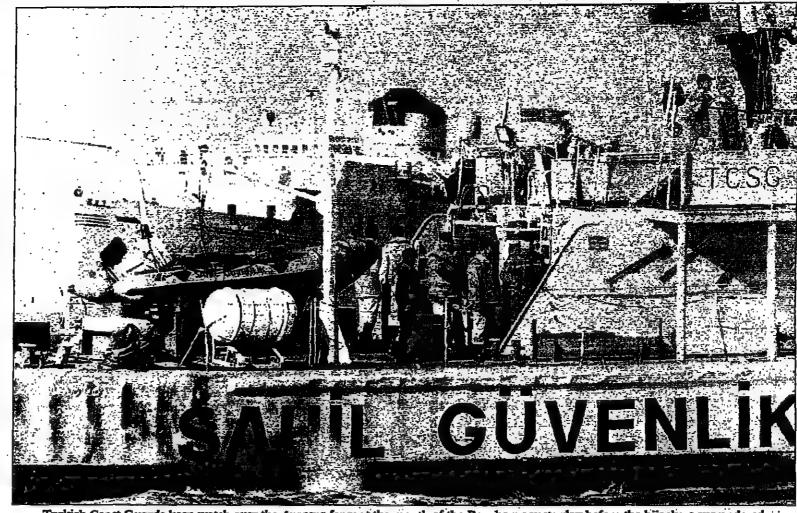
been eager to join since the presidency of Mikhail Gorbachev, brought a swift reaction from Mr Yeltsin yesterday. "Going back on reforms would be the ruin of Russia," he said.

The Clinton Administration, which has placed a premium on its support for Russian reforms, has watched in dismay as the last propo-nents of Western policy have vanished from Mr Yeltsin's inner circle. They include Andrei Kozyrev, the former Foreign Minister, Sergei Filatov, the chief of staff, and Mr Chubais.

Although there has been little public reaction, Wash-ington has also been highly sceptical of Russian involvement in what US officials consider to be a Vietnam-style quagmire in Chechenia.

The State Department has been reviewing its policy towards Moscow since before the December elections when the Communist Party of Russia and ultra-nationalist forces under Vladimir Zhirinovsky won the largest two blocs of seats in the Duma.

The review, officials said yesterday, was assessing events in Russia and how America should position herself to deal with uncertainties in a still immensely powerful, if weakened, nation prior to its presidential elections in June.



Turkish Coast Guards keep watch over the Avrasya ferry at the mouth of the Bosphorus yesterday before the hijackers surrendered

Dejected troops tell of chaos in army command

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE bloody and protracted battle for Pervomaiskoye has showed up again the weak-nesses of the Russian military in the Chechen war and suggests that it is in no state to defeat the secessionist guerrillas based in the hills.

President Yeltsin has put a positive spin on the operation, "solid lesson" to the Che-chens. But he admitted yesterday that about 100 rebels, including their leader, Salman Raduyev, known as the Lone Wolf, had got away.

The President said that 153 rebels had been killed and 30 captured. But he said that there had been about 300 men in all, thereby confirming reports that at least 100 fighters had managed to break out of Pervomaiskoye on Wednesday night. He also said that 82 hostages escaped, but the number originally in the village has never been

Military commentators say the fight showed up in microcosm all the problems facing the Russians: a determined and well-armed enemy, an army with desperately low morale and bad training, the use of sheer destructive force as a strategy and poor co-ordination between different branches of the armed forces. "It's time for us to stop being surprised," said Dmitri

Trenin, a military analyst with the Carnegie Institute in Moscow. "At the beginning of the war in Chechenia, maybe it was all unexpected, but now we have to accept that the Russian forces are what they are." Wounded soldiers who

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were interviewed in the daily-Izvestia newspaper yesterday. said that they were sent into battle unprepared and poorly. three different ministries, all at odds with one another.

complained bad." Andrei, from Vityaz. The artillery preparation was lousy, we had practically no artillery armoured support. The army dawdled behind our backs. And they simply made cannon fodder of us."

Another soldier said that he was asked to fire an artillery piece without training. A third said that at one point an Interior Ministry unit and the Dagestani police ended up firing at each other and sustained losses.

The aftermath of the battle suggests that it would be almost impossible to defeat the rebels by military means. The separatists control roughly the southern mountainone third of the republic and move freely behind Russian lines. The war has died down since July when both sides signed a truce that is only sporadically

Many of the thousands of regular army and Interior Ministry troops stationed in Chechenia freely admit that they have no will to fight on. and no trust in their commanders. The Chechen fighters number only a few thousand, but they give the impression of being complete ly devoted to the cause of independence from Moscow. devoted to the cause of

Unity plea for old Soviet empire

Moscow: President Yeltsin yesterday urged a summit here of the Commonwealth of Independent States to boost collective security to counterbalance Nato and to prevent unrest in the former Soviet

A day after Russian troops ended a withering four-day assault on Chechen rebels in

the village of Pervomaiskoye, Mr Yeltsin said that the 12. member nations of the CIS-"acting individually cannot ensure their national security". He told his fellow CIS leaders: "We can do this through a system of collective

security." The Russian President, who was unanimously re-elected chairman of the CIS leadership council, said Nato members, especially the United States, were "constantly strengthening their military capability". He urged the CIS to learn from other regional

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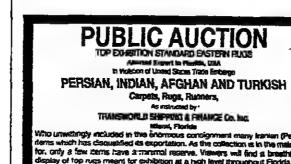
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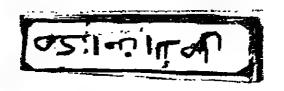
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Steve Forbes winning support on the election trail in New Hampshire

Steve Forbes is suddenly the agenda-setter in White House race

Free lunch recipe lures voters

WHEN Steve Forbes, the superrich publisher and Republican presidential candidate, arrived at a party for his supporters in Iowa last weekend nobody no-

Mr Forbes's utter lack of "presence" and charisma had ceased to cause such problems by the time he flew into New Hampshire late this week. As he toured the Granite State, addressing one packed hall after another, he was pursued by a great scrum of reporters and cameramen clamouring for a glimpse of America's newest political phenomenon.

Polls showed that Mr Forbes, one of the more unlikely figures to seek the White House, had broken from the pack and become a distinct threat to the front-runner, Robert Dole. He was suddenly the agenda-setter, the target of bitter attacks from mortally eclipsed rivals, and the one hot commodity in a tepid

"I fully expect to get the nomination," Mr Forbes insist-ed during an interview with The Times in his van as he ended a 17-hour day. "If you look at what when we launched this thing 16 weeks ago, we have made

Robert Dole's main Republican ticket rival is a multi-millionaire with a Utopian vision. To hear his message Martin Fletcher went to Manchester, New Hampshire

remarkable progress, and that's a testament to my message of hope, growth and opportunity." Mr Forbes is Clark Kent not Superman, a diffident 48-yearold boffin with thick glasses, a toothy grin and no small talk. He is an over-the-top left-

hander, making autographsigning a major operation. Watching his speeches is even more painful. He talks in a grey monotone. Only his lips move. At moments of great passion one hand might rise oin, from the podium and twitch.

It is hard to believe this is the son of Malcolm Forbes, the flamboyant balloonist, motorcyclist and Liz Taylor escort who threw a \$2 million 70th birthday party in Tangier where 200 horsemen and 600 belly dancers entertained guests flown in by

Steve Forbes neither drinks nor smokes and never tried marijuana. While Princeton colleagues demonstrated against Vietnam, he founded a business magazine. A good night out is

visiting a bookshop near his

New Jersey estate with his wife

and five daughters. Mr Forbes's message is indeed one reason for his rise. While his rivals - "root-canal Republicans" — all grimly preach deficit reduction, this multi-millionaire populist offers a Utopian vision of boundless growth and prosperity achieved through painless supply-side

Replace the monstrous tax code with a single 17 per cent "flat tax", he says. Give the poor exemptions, but allow no deductions and no taxation of investment income. Free the people from stifling taxation and America will enjoy "the greatest economic boom in our history". The United States is still hob-

bled by debts from its 1980s ex-

periment with this seductive

free-lunch doctrine, but it still

Mr Forbes's rise is also propelled by media yearning for an exciting race, a lack of enthusiasm for Mr Dole, and a loathing of Washington that turns his awkwardness and political inexperience into virtues. People are really ured of polished. practised, professional politi-cians, said Jerry Little, one of 300 who turned out in a peasoup log on Thursday night to hear and cheer Mr Forbes in the

village of Epsom. And then there is his wealth. an estimated \$440 million, excluding a Fijian island, Normandy château, Moroccan palace and Battersea mansion. He has already spent \$12 mil-lion on saturation advertising, attacking Mr Dole with commercials so vicious the most shameless professional politi-cians would hesitate to air them.

Mr Forbes is so rich that his Republican rivals, mere millionaires, have resorted to class warfare. His idea of hardship is when the butler has a day off," the Dole camp sneers.

But many voters believe his wealth frees him from the corrupting clutch of donors, and he never flaunts it. He actually

loving wife, Sabina, does the

Mrs Forbes displays little enthusiasm for her husband's quixotic adventure, and there is much speculation about his motives. Some say he is seeking to escape his late father's shadow - Malcolm Forbes failed in politics. Others say he is generating publicity for Forbes magazine.

He does passionately believe in supply-side economics and nobody else would hoist that banner, but few believe he genuinely thinks he can win. There again, conventional wis-dom considered his campaign stillborn.

Indulge in a fantasy. Mr Dole wins February's Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary. All other Republicans save Mr Forbes soon drop out for lack of funds. The 73-year-old Senate leader is stricken before August's Republican convention, and Whitewater revelations then cripple President Clinton.

Would President Forbes, the bagpipe-playing grandson of a poor Aberdonian immigrant, restore the "special relation-ship"? "Absolutely," he

Grisham plots case of the rail widow

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

HIS courtroom tactics are, he admits, a little rusty, but on Monday the bestselling au-thor John Grisham will return to his former occupation and stand humbly before a

Mississippi judge. Mr Grisham, the former provincial lawyer whose legal thrillers have brought global acclaim and a \$40 million (£26 million) fortune, is returning to court one last time to defend the interests of a widow whose railwayman husband was crushed to death by a

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runaway goods train.
The painful death of John Wayne King on a lonely stretch of railroad in the South occurred before Mr Grisham became a name, and thrillers such as The Furn and



in brief return to the law

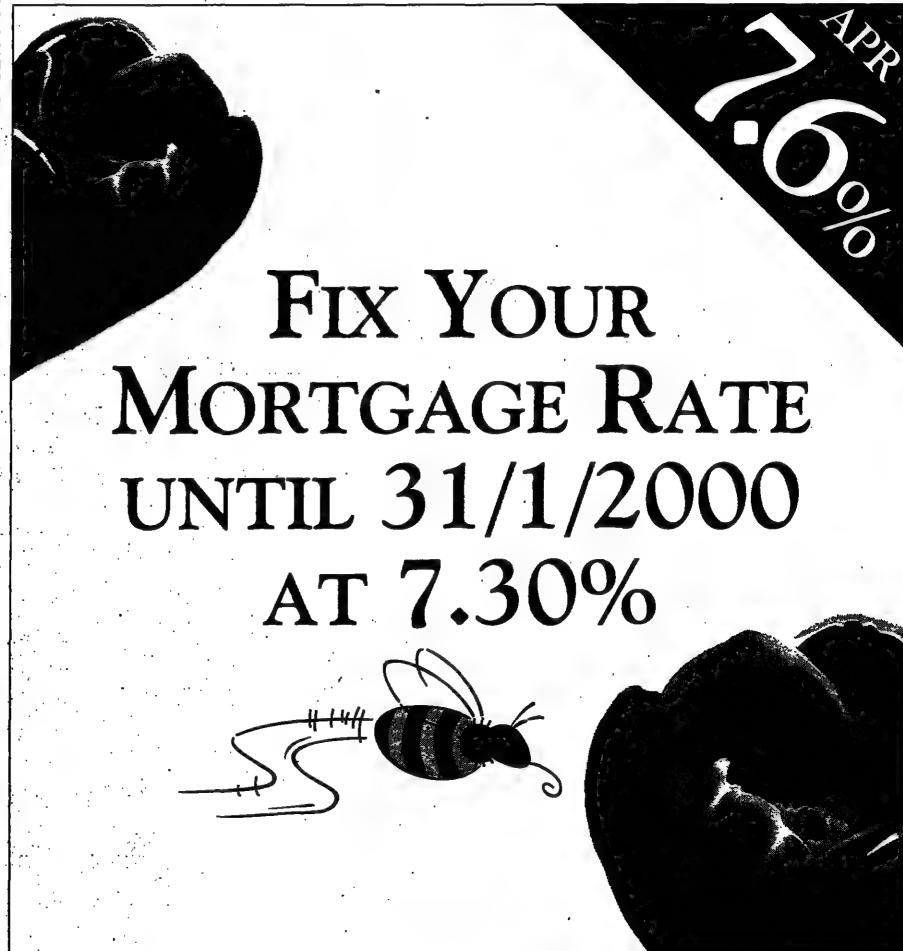
The Pelican Brief hit bookstands around the world. Then he was just a Mississip-pl lawyer, and was grateful for the work when King's widow, Barbara Ann, presented herself at his office in Jackson and asked him to take the case.

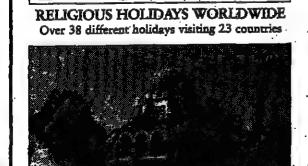
Four years on, the dispute has finally made it to court. The excitement at the Lincoln County courthouse in the small town of Brookhaven, where the case will be heard under the beady eye of Circuit Judge Kelth Starrett of the 14th District, is all too evident. Mr Grisham's appearance has attracted television cameras, outside broadcast trucks and foreign reporters. Tickets for the public gallery are being distributed by draw, but are valid for only half a day. Each lunchtime, a new group of spectators will be allowed in to witness the celebrated mystery writer

tackling a real case. Central Company, for which her hushand worked for 19 years, owes her more than the letter of condolence and \$100,000 in compensation. On the advice of her lawyer. Mrs King, who has three children, is claiming \$700,000 in damages and a further \$5 million for the pain her husband felt as he lay



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Chirac decides to scrap hated military call-up

FRANCE'S system of military conscription, which has furnished raw and often unwilling troops for the armed forces since the French Revolution in 1789, will be abolished during the next seven years in favour of a force made up of volunteers and professionals.

The plan, part of wideranging restructuring of the French armed forces, was disclosed yesterday by Pierre Messmer, the former Prime Minister, after a meeting last week with President Chirac.

Under the present law, all Frerchmen must perform ten months of military service. although many obtain long deferrals or work instead in developing countries and inner-city areas. Of the half million people who now make up the French armed forces, about 40 per cent are conscripts.

The President confirmed to .. that he has decided to abolish military service in its current form," M Messmer. France's Prime Minister in the early 1970s and Defence Minister in the 1960s, told the Europe I radio station.

"The need to have large numbers of troops has declined sharply." he said. "It is inevitable that military service would disappear sooner or

Conscription remains deeply unpopular with French voters and recent opinion polls show that 85 per cent believe that France needs a professional army on the British or American model.

M Chirac does not intend to

abolish national service entirely, but plans to establish a new system allowing those who do not volunteer for military service to perform other types of civic service, M Messmer said. "The President understands

military service is only one part, must not be scrapped." M Messmer said. During his election cam-paign. M Chirac pledged to

that national service, of which

abolish conscription within ten years, but the move represents a gamble by the Gaullist President. Creating a new structure of national service to absorb those unwilling to join the armed forces is a huge and expensive undertaking at a time when the Government is desperately seeking to reduce the public deficit. However, the alternative — simply al-lowing those who would have been forced into uniform to drift on to the job market - is

ing he never expected that

medical bulletins, which hid the cancer, would be signed

with his name. "I wrote this book ... so another doctor

will never be trapped in this

way." He was also questioned

by police about violating medical secrecy. (Reuter)

Cancer doctor 'trapped'

Paris: François Mitterrand's Gubler told Le Monde, saydoctor said yesterday that the late President had trapped him into lying about his cancer and promised to donate any profits from his banned book Le Grand Secret to charity. "In retrospect, I think François Mitterrand trapped me," Claude

equally unpalatable, given France's dire unemployment

Wili the money and the political will be found to push this idea to its conclusion?" the weekly magazine L'Evéne-ment du Jeudi asked.

Most of France's military bosses favour continuing conscription. Although only volunteers and professional units are sent on foreign missions, many fear that ending conscription will reduce France's military options while depriving thousands of youths of practical training and education opportunities. Since the end of the Cold

War, however, the system has been criticised as unnecessary and biased. Every year about 25.000 youths avoid military service. Some cite education or health reasons, while others opt to teach in the Third World or join the French auxiliary According to critics, the majority of those who escape

military service are from wealthy families which are able to pull strings on behalf of



Zulu king moves to end Natal killings '

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA yesterday announced that King Goodwill Zwelithini will convene a mass meeting of the Zulu nation within weeks in an attempt to stem the mounting violence which he said was turning KwaZulu/Natal into a ghost province.

We must now concentrate all our energies to ensure that violence is stopped. I want to send a strong message of peace that we cannot continue in this situation." Mr Mandela staid after meeting the Zuku leader at his KwaKhangela Palace in the KwaZulu heartland. "Child-

ren cannot go to school, business is pulling dat, it is becoming a ghost province."

The meeting between the President, the Zulu monarch and traditional chiefs was and traditional chiefs was convened against a backdrop of 74 politically linked deaths in the province last month. Mr Mandela said the king would call an imbizo (traditional gathering) at which he would send a message of peace.

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Animals at Pretoria Zoo drown

Johannesburg: More than 50 animals were drowned at Pretoria Zoo yesterday when a river burst its banks after nearly 200mm (Sin) of rain fell in just two hours on the centre of the city in a thunderstorm, causing chaos (Inigo Gilmore

Heavy rains swept away cars and caravans, submerged homes and damaged properties belonging to the British High Commission.

Many residents, bracing themselves for another down-pour last night, believed the floods were the worst in the city's history. The weather bureau said that the previous highest one-day rainfall was 160mm in 1978.

Jacksons 'signed prenuptial deal'

New York: Legal experts spec-ulating on the failed 20-month marriage of Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley said that the unhappy couple must have signed the "mother of prenuptial agreements (Quentin Letts writes). Each had too much to lose, financially and in terms of reputation. Raoul Felder, a voluble Manhattan divorce lawyer, told the New York Post there was "no question" about it. The marriage was predestined to fail, so the pre-nup had to have a belt, suspenders and an iron girdle."

Thai monks to carry ID cards

Bangkok: Buddhist monks will have to carry official identification cards similar to those held by ordinary Thai citizens after the murder of a British tourist, Johanne Masheder, 23. A monk who had concealed a rape conviction is in custody after confessing to her murder. (AP)

Argentina may ban . Madonna over film

SOUTH AMIGUES.

CORRESPONDENT MADONNA may be banned from Argentina today for sullying the name of the country's national heroine, Eva Peron, in a coming film.

Argentine protesters yesterday staged boisterous demonstrations in Buenos Aires against the pep singer and the film's British director, Aian Parker. The director was greeted by protesters burning Madonna dolls when he arrived in Buenos Aires to begin

making his version of the hit Broadway musical, Evita. Madonna, who is due to arrive today, will play the part of the legendary First Lady, who was seen as a champion of the poor and is still the centre of a personality cult in

Argentinians see as offensive the choice of the raunchy American star, known for her erotic stage antics, to play the revered champion of workers and the downtrodden. It has stirred up so much national sentiment that a deputy of the ruling Peronist party has tabled a motion in the Congress. which will vote today on whether to declare the director and the star persona non

"It is an attack on our history, offensive to our dignity, an attack on Peronists, a humiliating lle," said the dep-uty. Marta Rivadera, before presenting a resolution in the Congress. She called on the thousands of Argentinians who have lined up this week to audition for roles as extras in the film not to prostitute themselves by selling them selves for \$30 a day".

Graffiti have been sprayed on billboards lining the airport road to the capital, say ing: "Viva Evita! Out With Madonna". More protests are expected to mark her arrival.

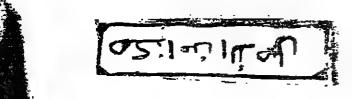
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FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

Georges Habash.

Palestine", while critics see the

President, as the sanctification

by ballot of the dictatorship of

Yassir Arafat, the PLO chair-

man and only serious candi-

"Not since the USSR's hey-

doing in the first political

elections in their history," the right-wing Jerusalem Post said yesterday. "Methodically and thoroughly, the Palestin-

ian Authority - Arafat and the Fatah officials surround-

ing him - have emptied the

democratic system of all meaning." Mr Carter was

Palestinian president.

night after three Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli troops and one Israeli soldier was wounded at an Israeli roadblock only hours before the opening of 1,600 polling stations today for the first

Palestinian general election. The incident, the most serious in the West Bank this year, came soon after Israel had closed off the occupied territories in an effort to minimise the danger of bloodshed during the historic poll which has been threatened by both islamic and Jewish extremists opposed to the 1993 peace treaty between Israel and the Palestine Liberation

The shooting took place outside Jenin, one of six Palestinian towns evacuated by Israeli troops to enable voting to take place. According to Israeli sources, gummen in a car opened fire first at one of the soldiers manning the road-

TENSION gripped Israel, the West Bank and Gaza last block. His colleague then shot at the car, which did not stop. A Palestinian security official confirmed the three dead men were all members of Hamas. the Islamic Resistance Movement, which has called for a boycott of the poll.

Shortly before the shooting, security chiefs had presented Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, with a blueprint of measures being taken to try to prevent violence at the poll despite the many threats made against voters and the foreign observers who will try to ensure fair play. A force of 4.000 extra police

has been mobilised, most in east Jerusalem where right-wing Jewish settlers plan mass protests.

More than a million Palestinians have the right to vote in the poll which is also being. boycotted by the main Muslim group, Islamic Jihad, and by hardline Palestinian nationalist organisations, including the Popular Front for the

Liberation of Palestine, led by will be an honest election ~ one more step in the process Palestinian officials destowards ultimate peace," according to the architect of the cribe the process as "the 1979 Camp David peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. beginning of a new democratic chapter in the history of

Although victory for Mr Arafat and his Fatah faction in exercise supervised by 680 observers, including Jimmy Carter, the former American the separate ballots for president and an 88-seat de facto parliament is a foregone conclusion, the size of the turnout is seen as crucial. Leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad have claimed that anything less than 50 per cent turnout will spell victory for the day has anyone abused the concept of democracy as cyni-cally as the Palestinians are rejectionists.
The last opinion poll before

campaigning ended on Thursday gave Mr Aralat more than 80 per cent of the vote compared with 7 per cent for Samiha Khalil. 72, the social worker and critic of the peace process who is opposing him. Some Palestinians have described her lacklustre campaign as little more than a figleaf to give the contest an



Colonel Gaddafi and President Muharak stand to attention for their national anthems

Gaddafi dismisses Arab unity as 'dream'

Sidi Barrani, Egypt: Colonel Muammar Gaddafi has said that Arab unity is a distant dream because some Arab rulers chose to serve the interests of Israel.

"It is difficult to clear the Arab atmosphere now because the enemy [Israel] has penetrated deeply into the Arah region and there are Arabs who are promoting the interests of these parties," the Libyan leader said. He made his remarks at a joint news conference after talks at a military base here with President Mubarak of Egypt, the first Arab state to sign a peace deal with Israel in 1979.

"There is enough to help the enemy and shake the Arab-Israeli equilibrium. How could we purify the Arab atmosphere in the wake of these circumstances? I see difficulty, even if this is con-

sidered pessimistic," he said. Colonel Gaddafi, an opponent of the 1993 Palestinian-Israeli accord which he sees as a sham, added: "What is required is to resist the imminent danger which threatens the Arab nation." (Reuter)

Leakey warning of chaos

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

RICHARD LEAKEY, the leader of Kenya's opposition Safina party, said last night that the country was facing economic and social chaos after a spate of killings.

"We [opposition figures] are all being watched. Our phones are tapped and I take no risks when travelling around. The regime is perfectly capable of using violence to silence us permanently," said Dr Leakey, the conservationist and palaeoanthropologist who lost both legs in a "suspicious" plane crash in 1993.

Maina Kiai, the director of the national human rights commission, said: "Kenya's potential for violence has never been higher. We have seen an almost daily death toll from lynchings of suspects by members of the public, relentless detention and torture of oppoand an unprecedented politicisation of the judiciary ... as the [1997] elections approach, I am convinced that the levels of violence will spill on to the

Once a haven of efficiency and safety amid chaos in neighbouring states, Kenya is now a country where the middle classes live behind barbed wire and employ armed guards.

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Amnesty alert on boy lama

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

AMNESTY yesterday raised an international alarm over the six-year-old Tibetan boy selected by the Dalai Lama as the Panchen Lama, Tibet's second highest-ranking religious figure.

The human rights group said that Gendun Chockyi Nyima and his family, with Abbot Chadrel Rimpoche and 50 other monks from the Tashilumpo, the Panchen's monastery, have been miss-

ing for eight months.

Late last year the Chinese Foreign Ministry said the child, whom Peking had described as a dog drowner, "is where he is supposed to be". Last Tuesday a spokesman said "the boy is in sound health", but declined to disclose his whereabouts.

The missing boy had been designated the eleventh Pansearch committee approved by the Dalai Lama, but soon Abbot Chadrel, who had supervised the search, was denounced by the authorities. By July he had disappeared. In November, Peking pre-

sided over its own ritual to choose a "soul boy". Last week China's choice. Gyaincain Norbu, aged six, was introduced in Peking to President Jiang Zemin.

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French collaborators' regime in the dock as former Cabinet minister faces Holocaust show trial

Lawyer fights Vichy war

GÉRARD BOULANGER fighting France's last battle of the Second World War.

For 15 years, the extrovert Bordeaux barrister has been on the trail of Maurice Papon, a former official in the collaborationist Vichy regime, who is alleged to have been responsible for the deportation of 1,690 Jews from the Bordeaux area, including more than 200 children, between 1942 and 1944. Only a handful survived the Nazi concentration camps.

M Papon went on to become the Paris police chief in 1958, an MP, a Cabinet minister under President Giscard d'Estaing and holder of the coveted Legion d honneur. ing senior Vichy official suspected of complicity in the

in 1983 Maître Boulanger first filed suit against M Papon, on behalf of 26 death-

BORDEAUX FILE by BEN MACINTYRE

camp survivors and their relatives, for "crimes against humanity" The case moved agonis-

ingly slowly and many be-lieved that the ageing bureaucrat would die before a trial could take place. In September 1994, President Mitterrand, himself a former Vichy official, admitted that he had deliberately put the brakes on legal action against M Papon in the interests of preserving "civil peace". However, M Papon has

outlived his protectors, and after the election of Jacques Chirac last year the wheels

suddenly began to turn at speed. The Bordeaux prosecutor-general has now completed a 182-page indictment of M Papon, alleging that as secre-tary-general of the Gironde region in 1942, with responsi-bility for "Jewish affairs", he

played an active role in rounding up Jews. In March a panel of judges will decide formal charges, paving the way for a show trial that Maître Boulanger insists is more than 50 years overdue.

"It is not just Papon who will go on trial, but the entire

M Papon's bureaucratic talents were reflected in his meteoric career after the war, but his meticulousness also proved his undoing. He never misfiled a memo, and in 1981 a cache of documents dating from the Vichy years and written in his spidery hand was discovered in a Bordeaux attic. A scandal erupted, M Papon retired from politics, and Mattre Boulanger found his mission.

The Original

a personal obsession.

himself been tried.



Gérard Boulanger, who has been on the trail of Maurice Papon for 15 years

Time called for claret diplomacy

Bordeaux, America's oldest diplomatic outpost, will close its doors for ever this month, a victim of federal budget cuts and the changing palates

of US wine buffs.
The consulate was opened in 1790, the year after the French Revolution. with the appointment as Consul-General of Joseph Fenwick, an Ameri-can wine merchant who had lived in the great French port for many years.

The economic contacts between Bordeaux and the fledgeling Ameri-can republic were crucial to both countries: from heré the Marquis de Lafayette had set sail to join George Washington and many of the provisions for the American troops were exported through Bordeaux.

But over the years the links, and in particular America's taste for the great wines of Bordeaux, have slowly diminished in importance. Britain remains the second-largest importer of Bordeaux wines (after Belgium) while the United States has dropped to sixth place. American consumption of French wine reached a peak in the mid-1980s, but has since tailed off as the taste for domestic wines has

At the American consulate this week a magnificent edifice in the heart of Bordeaux, staff were sadly packing up the Stars and Stripes and rinsing out the wine glasses as a vintage diplomatic relationship was

Chocolate with bitter message

unrest took place in Bordeaux, where Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, is Mayor. Returning to his mayoral fiefdom at the height of the strikes, M Juppé had the unwelcome experience of sceing himself burnt in effigy by a

Now, however, "Antoine", the most famous chocolatier in a city renowned for its bonbons. has come up with a special chocolate in

Juppette". M Juppe, desperate to prove he has a sense of humour, was only too happy to lend his name to the delicacy. But the compliment is back-handed, since the "Juppettes" (which also means mini-skirts) was the nickname given to the 12 female ministers in his first Cabinet — most of whom were sacked last November, provoking outrage among femi-nists and further damaging his popularity.

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Germany honours dead of Auschwitz

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

PRESIDENT HERZOG yesterday urged his fellow Germans to remember the lessons of Auschwitz and to stamp out racist attitudes among the younger generation. His speech was intended to commemorate the liberation of the concentration camp, which has been declared a national day of memorial, but it took on a contemporary resonance yesterday after the fire that destroyed a foreigners' hostel

His words took up the call of President Weizman of Israel, who earlier this week warned the Germans to be on their guard against neo-Nazis.

The most important thing is to sharpen the focus of the young generation, so that they are better able to identify racism and totalitarianism in the battle against this fundamental evil of the twentieth century, it is absolutely critical to mount a timely resistance." After his speech, Herr Herzog was handed the socalled Death Books, which record the names and num-

victims of Auschwitz. The ceremony capped years of searching for documentation from the camp. Largely funded by the Germans, academic researchers have trawled KGB archives and

bers of tens of thousands of

used computer techniques to ed from Nazi-occupied councollate many sources, such as the report on extraction of gold teeth from corpses, the penalty register, the roll and death certificates, in order to publish volumes listing the names of 69,000 victims.

That is still only a fraction of the total death toll. More than 400,000 people were registered as camp inmates and about half of them died, More



Herzog examining the Death Books yesterday

Lübeck youths freed

BY ROGER BOYES

THREE youths held in connection with the fire that killed at least ten people at a foreigners' bostel in Lübeck-were released without charge

German police said that the case was still wide open, adding: "We cannot rule out politically motivated arson but neither can we exclude a

They were also unable to enter the shell of the building to gather evidence, as the house is still too hot and there is a danger of collapse. Firefighters on ladders probed with long poles through the upper floor's charred windows yesterday, searching for victims who may be buried under smouldering rubble.

There are fears that a large family who usually lived in the attic had been trapped. Firefighters said any people inside the flat could not have Police confusion was re-

flected among the many hun-dreds who came to the house yesterday with candles and flowers. They were unsure whether to protest against racism - if neo-Nazis did start the fire it would be the worse such attack since the Second World War - or simply to mourn.

tries of Europe were never registered by name, alive or dead. In the adjacent camp of Birkenau they were immed-lately selected at the train ramp for the gas chambers. But, as the publisher Dr Klaus Gerhard Saur points out, the mere printing of the names represents a landmark.

In many cases it is the first time that these people's names have been published — they have lost their anonymity."
The books, which Dr Saur believes will be bought mainly by libraries, are also a solid nonse to far-right revisionist historians who claim that the numbers of those killed in the Holocaust have been exag-

gerated or manipulated. Only a few of the Death Books have survived. Their to the blinkered thoroughness of the SS administration. which wanted a precise record of fatalities, and to its deceit, since the cause of death was almost always faked. The volume of paperwork at Auschwitz was enormous. The sick-bay office produced eight copies of the initial death report, the camp headquarters issued four copies containing personal data, the doctors produced four copies of a concise medical history, four copies of a medical affidavit were also issued, as was a single death certificate. If death was not from "natural causes". the documentation had to be supplemented by shi copies of a post mortem report and six copies of a forensic autopsy protocol.

Tadeusz Paczumia, a former inmate working as a clerk, remembers that the camp administration often had to document 600 dead every day. Much of the documentation was destroyed by the SS during the evacuation of the camp in January 1945. Most of the surviving Death Books have been in Russian hands since they liberated the camp; 46 have been kept in Moscow. The books are published in German, English and Polish. (Death Books from Auschwitz, Saur Verlag,

Bosnia factions meet new deadline

FROM RIUTER IN SARAJEVO

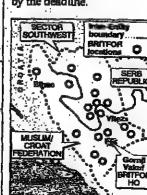
THE FORMER warring sides in Bosnia were obeying a deadline to pull back from ceasefire positions yesterday, meeting a key requirement of the peace agreement reached in Dayton, Onio:

General Martin Walker, commander of Nato's peacekeeping ground forces, in-spected frontline bunkers in Sarajevo that had been abandoned well before the mid-night (Upma London time) deadline. This is a microcosm of what is happening all along the confrontation line," he

The Bosnia-Herzegovina Peace Accord laid down that Bosnian government, Serb and Crost forces should withdraw two kilometres from either side of the frontline by January 19. A Nato spokesman, Simon Haselock, said: "We won't have a final answer for a day or two but we expect to find the parties in substantial compliance on the issue of the pullback."

Some 50 heavy weapons were still inside what will become a 1,000km (625 mile) long separation zone, but Nato appeared unflustered. "It's a planned and phased withdrawal," a source said. "They have until midnight tonight."

Verification by Nato ground and air forces will be completed today. The alliance also expected to see the sides exchange some prisoners of war by the deadline.



The region being policed by Britain

experts believe department

stores are becoming outdated

and will have to change to

survive in the hypermarket

age. Disgrantled employees

Cutbacks shrink Galeries Lafayette

FROM SUSAN BELLIN PARIS

THE TOP Paris department store, Galeries Lafayette, a French institution since 1912. has become the latest casualty of the capital's annus horribilus of bomb scares, strikes and demonstrations. A disastrous last quarter

has forced the chain, the French equivalent of Harrods, to announce the closure of five stores - in Lyons, Valence, Avignon, Nevers' and Dreux. It will lay off 1,000 employees, 150 in Paris. The flagship store in the

capital stays open. The strike has taken an enormous tolk businesses are believed to have lost more than Fr20 billion (E2.6 billion) and 100,000 jobs while department stores alone suffered estimated losses of

Fr480 million. In the summer. the crowds that surge under the blue-and-gold dome of Galeries Lafayette's stained glass Art Nouvean ceiling dwindled as thousands staye away, fearing a city that had become the target of militant Islamic bombers. Despite late-night and Sun-

day openings in an attempt to recuperate losses, the store's elegant and perfumed halls were almost empty in the crucial Christmas run-up. The centre was paralysed by demonstrations and traffic gridlock because of the capital's worst transport strike in almost 30 years. Even the weather did not help: an Indian summer meant auturn sales of winter clothing made a slow start.

The troubled chain is already in Fr2.7 billion debt. due largely to its 1991 takeover of Nouvelles Galeries. Financial problems were compounded when a campaign to become an international retailing powerhouse proved a fiasco. Its US store, in Trump

Tower on New York's Fifth

Avenue, was forced to shut in

1994, having lost Fr232 million in four years. The chain reported Fr282 million losses in the first sixmonth period of last year and is expected to finish the year in the red. Planned company restructuring, announced in

June by the president, Georges Meyer, has been brought forward and is more Severe than predicted. ... Strikes aside, many retail

in provincial Galeries Lafayette branches point to marketing errors, such as overpriced merchandise, as another reason for the problems. "The concept of the big store is losing ground throughout Europe, even if chains like Marks & Spencer are managing to acquit them-selves well," one French retail analyst said in yesterday's Libération.

In contrast, Marks & Spencer is enjoying such huge success that it recently opened three stores in greater Paris. It plans one in Bordeaux and another in a Paris suburb.

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Thank heaven for amateurs: the professionals may be in turmoil but the bands will play on



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ON MONDAY

Reviews of **Andrew Davis** conducting Charles Ives, plus ENO's Magic Flute and Björk on tour

ook at the broader picture! That's easy to say but hard to do. I was guilty of wearing blinkers three weeks ago when I looked back at the 1995 arts scene. My grandiose summary was flawed, I now realise, in two

respects. First, I ignored some-thing that accounts for 95 per cent of all cultural activity. Whoops. Secondly, I didn't even realise that I was doing it.

Luckily — or to put it another way, unluckily — several irritatingly clever readers wrote, with illmannered glee, to point out my deficiencies. Thanks, chaps. In the final words of John Osborne's The Entertainer: "Let me know where you're working tomorrow night and I'll come and see you".

What had I ignored? Only one awesomely evocative word: amateurs. I had overlooked Britain's choirs, thousands of them. Its tartan army of Scottish reelers. Its closet watercolourists and its puffing euphoniumists. Its teenage would-be Blurs, and its busty

Remember it's all about having fun soubrettes vying to be Yum-Yum in the local Mikado. Its modelmakers, ballroom dancers, campa-

nologists, origamists, village hall thespians, karaoke champions, barbershoppers, potters, poets How could I have forgotten this huge hinterland of do-it-yourself culture? I can only plead that I was not alone. Think back to the uproar created by the arts lobby when a £5 million cut in the Arts Council grant was announced. "A killer-blow to cultural life," said one commentator, and the rest mostly nodded agreement. Well, it was bad news for people who earn their living in the subsidised arts, but that is not quite the same thing. The vast majority of Britain's performers - the amateurs

"Ah, but they are not the people who provide the quality," say the

- carried on as before.

professional lobbyists. "We need our Covent Gardens, the beacons of excellence." If I had a million quid for every time this argument had appeared over the past fortnight I could almost pay Pavarotti's pasta bill by myself. Let us overlook the uncomfort-

able truth that highly subsidised "beacons of excellence" sometimes produce pretty shoddy shows, and the happier truth that there is excellence among amateurs too: great brass bands, stirring choral societies, astonishing youth orchestras, audacious student drama companies. Let us accept that this "beacons of excellence" contention is true. Even so, there is a counter-argument which says that participation in art will always be more rewarding than observation. To adapt the charity slogan: buy a man an opera ticket and you



RICHARD MORRISON

are lucky); teach him to sing and you inspire him for life. That needs to be said again and

into accepting a role as passive consumers. The film, TV and music businesses employ armies of propagandists for that purpose. But then, they have a living to make. More worrying is the craven attitude of governments. heritage ministers, arts councils: they seem not to question the notion that, for most people, the arts should be something you waich, not do.

rts journalists are equally guilty; we devote much space to discussion of the tiniest details of professional artistic life, yet often ignore changes in the amateur or educational world that affect millions. We miss the hmader nicture.

passes for cultural life is geared ening of cultural awareness. If you towards brainwashing the public play an instrument you empathise play an instrument you empathise far more fully with the furious instrumental drama of, say, a Mahler symphony than if you have no notion of what heroic efforts are involved. If you have hammed through An Inspector Calls in a village hall, then you really appreciate Daldry's sophisticated production. One great advantage of a thriving amateur arts scene could be to create a large, supportive and knowledgeable audience for the professionals. But that's not likely to happen while many professionals appear to de-

spise amateurs. There are difficulties in the amateur world. Some superb brass bands have been disrupted by the demise of heavy-industry communities. Choral singing has all but collapsed in its traditional

strongholds: church and school. On the other hand, the last decade has seen the emergence of what is virtually a new art-form, though it has its roots in medieval mysteryplays: "community" projects that involve both professionals and amateurs. Such initiatives build a bridge of goodwill over the great divide. And goodwill is what has been notably lacking in the public's response to the "arts funding

There is one other gift that amateurs can bring. It's called enjoyment. Remember that? It's what music-making, acting or painting is supposed to be all about, give or take the odd profound subtext. The professional world seems to have forgotten, so relentless is the grind to saleguard subsidies or market the next show. Amateurs remind us that art is fun, not a grim war of attrition. That, surely, is the broader picture, I am sorry that I missed it the first time. We got

Ringing a loud Southern bell

await the Olympic later this year, the host city is preparing to win some gold medals of its own. During the two-month Olym-pic Arts Festival which begins on June I, the "capital of the South" intends to reshape the image of city, state and region. According to Jeff Babcock, the director of the Cultural Olympiad, which has been running for the past four years, "it is an important platform to present and explain Southern culture

If this sounds a bit pushy. this adopted Southerner does not deny it. The South in general, and Atlanta in partic-ular, is eager to slough off the impression of good ol' boys, however misguided that may be, and plant instead the seeds of a more vigorous future.

The festival will feature more than 200 performances at 30 venues from, inter alia. 14 theatre companies and 12 dance groups. Among the British representatives are the Royal National Theatre and Michael Tilson Thomas.

Atlanta is using the Olympic stage to mount a cultural revival in the

South, says Michael Henderson

the Leeds-based Dance Company. in addition, there are 25 exhibitions, many seeking to explain Southern history and culture to the out-

side world and, one feels, to the South itself. To European eyes some of it the bluegrass festival, for instance - may appear a provincial kneesup. But it would be muddle-head-

estimate the enthusiasm of the team led by Babcock, whose extensive experi-ence in music and arts administration includes co-founding the New World Symphony Orchestra with the conductor

ed to under-

end of the 20th century," he says, "and one of the ways in which the South suffers is that it is still stereotyped within our

own country and even, in some ways, within the South itself. As **6** The South is still one who has come here from working in other stereotyped, parts of the country, I was not even in the aware of what an extraordinary South part of America itself 🤊

"Southern culture is the most diverse and perhaps the most multifaceted part of America. This is the birthplace of American music and that is the greatest American export. This area is very

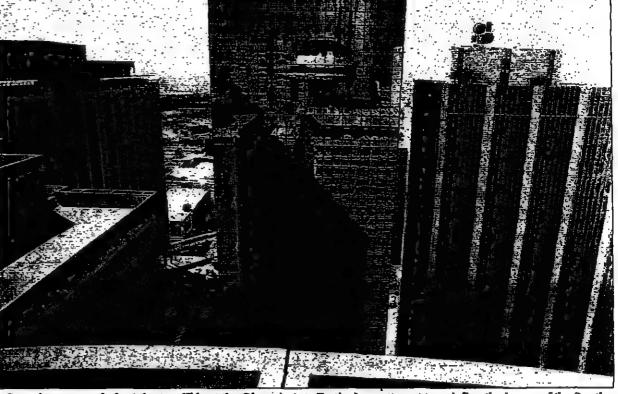
its collisions of cultures." They are not thinking small. Last year nine Nobel literature aureates, including Derek Walcott and Joseph Brodsky, gathered in Atlanta for a week readings and discussions. Over the past year there has been a film programme to mark 100 years of cinema.

There is an impressive civic home for the city's arts groups. the Woodruff Centre, where the Atlanta Symphony (which will play six concerts as part of the festival, two of them with Jessye Norman, a native of Augusta) is developing an excellent reputation. The centre, roughly comparable with London's Barbican, also houses the Alliance Theatre Company.

In the words of its music director, Yoel Levi, the ASO is the hottest orchestra in America" and, once the usual allowances have been made for local pride, it is undeniably a band that is making a healthy

you have the chance to do this," Levi says. In a city where Shostakovich is still something of a novelty, his point is

As for British involvement, Tony Cragg, the German-based sculptor, is responsible for the festival's most obvious landmark, a 25st high work.



Georgia on our minds: Atlanta will host the Olympic Arts Festival, an attempt to redefine the image of the South

esembling an athlete with a ball, constructed from 130 aluminium, doll-like "pup-pets". Cragg calls it "a work with figuration on the theme of a world united, a global

the gibes of their countrymen. "People have talked about the 'Bubba Games'," Babcock says. ("Bubba" is a mild American insult, like "bumpkin" in England.) "Atlanta is a centre for telecommunications, businesses are relocating here and it is an exciting place to be right now. Yet the

idea that it is a backwater is still in the back of people's

"People here have a great sense of place and there is a good deal more to them than meets the eye. There is a sense of where people have come from and it is an important part of our mission to show the

best of the region to the world. "The festival is a quilt of many colours. The aim is not to make dollars but to rethink the long-term strategy for the arts in Atlanta and to position ourselves for the next ten

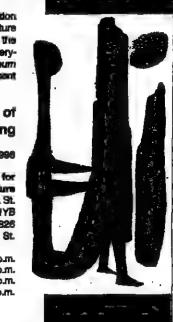
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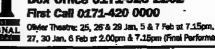
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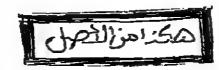
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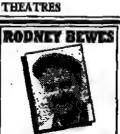
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describes her current role as 'Mrs Beckmesser". She is in Leeds to advise Opera North during the last days of rehearsal for next week's European premiere of Kurt Weill's Broadway musical Love Life, and since she was on the music

staff of the first performances in 1948, she is eminently qualified to do so. She had left Europe in 1936 with a plano and voice scholarship to the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and in 1945 played for auditions for a Weili show called Firebrand of

Florence, one of his rare failures ("It was a marvellous score, completely mis-directed.). After three hectic days of deciphering and transposing arrangements brought in by young hopefuls, she was approached by a small, inconspicuous man with huge eyes and thick glasses. "He

said, 'I'd like to have you on the show. My name's Kurt on the tennis court and made Letner Weill.' I'd come from Europe and I promise not to tell Lenya. Letner kept knew who Kurt Well was. I don't believe anyone else on the show did." From then on until his tragically early death in 1950 she was part of the Weill team, working with him on Street Scene, Down in the Valley and Lost in the Stars. But Love Life remains the show closest to her heart.

It was arguably the first "concept" musical, composed to a book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner, fresh from Brigadoon but before My Fair Lady. The subject is a marriage, but seen through 150 years of American history, from the optimism of post-revolutionary 1791, through the Industrial Revolution, the Depression and divorce, with a vaudeville ensemble commenting acidly on the social, political and financial pressures on human relationships.

"I love the satirical form," Symonette says. "I love the lyrics, and as far as the Broadway musical is concerned, I think this is Welll's best. It's a story of everything that concerns us today, told with humour and compassion. And it really advanced the scope of musical theatre, which was Weill's goal in life."

Why, then, after a respectable initial run of 252 performances — not bad for so experimental a piece — did Love Life disappear? A strike by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers meant that no cast recording was made, but there is much more to it than that. Lerner didn't want it done again after Weill's death, which his widow, Lotte Lenya, was not happy about. For what reason I can't honestly tell you, except that Lerner himself had a lot of bad marriages. His last wife Liz Robertson) was the only one he

was happy with. He told me just before he died that he had a bad conscience about stealing one of the Love Life lyrics, I remember it well, and using it in Gigi. Lenya was very

angry."

The librettist may also have felt guilty about an incident in the summer of 1949. when Weili collapsed

his promise and eight months later Weill was dead. Either way, the fact that the partnership did not prosper is a fearful waste. "Lerner," Symonette says, "was the American writer that Weill really felt closest to and admired as a great talent. They planned many other projects together. Lerner himself believed that, despite the enormous success of My Fair Lady, he never again reached the heights he reached with Weill."

With so forward-looking a show,

the out-of-town try-outs were espe-cially fraught, and there is almost enough discarded material for a whole new show. Symonette remembers how one of Weill's most beautiful songs, Susan's Dream, was dropped because it did not work in New Haven, Connecticut - Weill the man of the theatre won out over Weill the composer. "They needed something to advance the plot, so Welli and Lerner sat in the park in Boston and dreamt up the Hobo Song." Then there is the Locker Room sequence, an hilarious, acid-tinged

ensemble of husbands boasting

about their macho prowess and their

success in cheating on their wives. "Lerner told me that so many men came to him during the try-outs to complain that they felt insulted that he took it out. This showed that the number worked, and worked too well." For "Insulted" read "threatened" - and rest assured that the scene is back in the show in Leeds. Even if you read everything published about him — and Weill

scholarship is one of today's great musical growth industries — it is still difficult to get a handle on Weill the man. He remains curiously shadowy. Can Symonette, who worked closely with him for five years, help? "Oh, he was an enigma. Lenya

herself said that she'd been married to him for 25 years and still didn't think she really knew him. He was friendly and loved to laugh. But there was always a certain distance, a point when you knew you couldn't go any further. Some people thought he was arrogant, but he wasn't at all. He was rather shy, a very private man. He was bookish, always reading, reading, reading, and very politically alert although not involved in politics in any direct way — that was one reason why he parted from Brecht. But he informed himself about what was

going on in the world.

"He was a humanist, intensely concerned with any human suffering, and helped financially an enormous number of other refugees from Germany. He even wanted to give Brecht a monthly allowance, but Lenya said, 'Don't do it'. She knew Brecht was nothing but trouble." There are limits, then, even to

Weill's humanism, but they are not apparent in Love Life. Lerner's libretto is sharp, knowing, at times unsparingly bitter, but Weill's music pozes with compassion for frail fragile humanity. It is a powerful combination, as audiences in Leeds will discover next week.

■ Love Use opens at the Grand Theatre, Leeds, on Thursday (0)13-244 (971 or 245

It's the Cats' whiskers

have all seen the London production of Cats, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical which on January 29 will have had London's and Broadway's longest-ever run for a musical, overtaking the record of 6.137 performances held by the Broadway production of A Chorus Line. Cats became London's longst-running musical ever in May 1989. It opened at the New London Theatre on May II, 1981, and is currently playing in nine productions around the world, with a worldwide hox-office take of

 ZOLTAN SOLYMOSI. the principal dancer sacked by Covent Garden last year. is joining London City Bailer. The Hungarian-born Solymosi has signed up with LCB as resi-BASE

£1 billion.

dent guest art-ist for the NOTES remainder of the company's 1995-96 British tour. He will give as many as 40 perfor-

mances, mainly as Prince Charming in Matthew Hart's new Cindercila. • THE smaller the better: that seems to be the way to win the Stephen Oliver Prize. The 1996 competition will be awarded for a chamber opera with a maximum duration of 45 minutes and

scored for no more than eight instruments. Entrants, who must be under 35, will be invited to set a given libretto by David Edgar. The £10,000 prize is in memory of Oliver, whose composing talents included everything from the RSC's Nicholas Nicklehy to the opera Timon of Athens. He died in 1992 at the age of 42. Closing date is June 30; details from David Emerson. Secretary, Stephen Oliver Trust, PW Productions, II Goodwins Court, London WC2N 4LL.

 THE American actress Elizabeth McGovern, best known for her Oscar-nominated performance in the Milos Forman film Raetime. will make her British stage debut next month opposite Ken Stott in the Young Vic's revival of Molière's The Mis-

hat do seven million people have in common? They called in at short notice to replace Rachel Weisz, who was summoned to Hollywood to appear alongside Keanu Reeves in Dead

> • DON'T strain your eyes trying to catch Lindsay Duncan in her forthcoming appearance as Al Pacino's wife in the new film City Hall. Cast as the wife of the Mayor of New York, Duncan admits that most of her performance is "on the cutting room flour; I'm still in the film, but in very truncated

 SNEAKING in early to try to upstage the record indus-try's Brit Awards, the rock weekly NME hands out its rival Brat statuettes 25 London's New Empire on Tuesday. Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer will be the

hosts. prizes will be awarded in 18 categories. some chosen by

the paper's staff, others by its readers. Least eagerly awaited award? That which honours 1995's worst record. Nominees include Blur's Country House, The Outhere Bros' Boom Boom. and Simply Red's Fair-ground but the smart money is on Robson & Jerome's Unchained Melody.

● THE Nobel Prize winner Derek Walcott has finished his new musical, written in collaboration with singer/ songwriter Paul Simon. The musical, about a murderer called Capeman, is to be staged on Broadway.

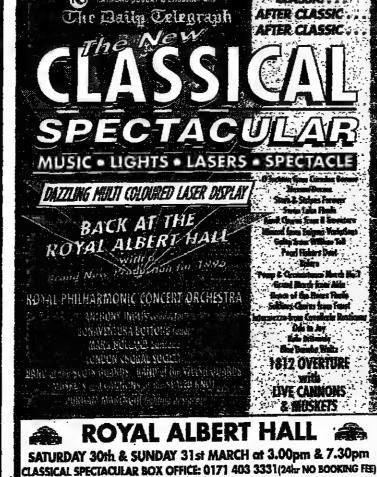
● PAUL KELLOGG, the opera mastermind behind the successful Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown, New York that has provided a home to such English talent as Jonathan Miller, has been appointed general and artistic director of the New York City Opera. Kellogg replaces Christopher Keene. died in October. The ap pointment comes at a good time for the Hollywood-born Kellogg since it has coincided with the New York City debut of Glimmerglass, with the opening on January 13 of its acclaimed production of The Coronation of Poppea.



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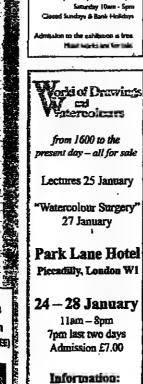
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British quarantine laws are obsolete, cruel and hypocritical: by defending them, the Government is serving only the kennel lobby

et us suppose that all travel-lers arriving in Britain from abroad are required to spend six months in a quarantine hostel for fear of leprosy. Their port of departure does not matter, nor their vaccination record, state of health or length of stay. On Government orders, they are kept in isolation and allowed no outside doctors. The hostel is not inspected and friends can only push food

through the bars, Point out to the Government that there are no lepers in Britain any more and a minister will boast that the policy is clearly working. Mention that no other country inflicts this cruelty on visitors and he replies: more fool them. Mention vaccination and he shakes his

head: better safe than sorry.

I am not a dog fanatic. There is a small and endearing member of the species in my house but on the whole I regard city dogs as pests.
They foul parks, frighten children
and wreck conversation. Dogs have
their role in nature's noble drama, but it is best played out in the countryside. I am told that philosophers have accorded dogs "rights". If so, they must find other exponents than myself.

But dog owners do have rights. One of them is to take their property across national boundaries when this does no harm to others. Britain's Victorian rabies laws prevent frequent travellers from carrying their pets with them.

Englishmen and mad dogs

no increase in rabies in Britain. But

then there is no rables in Portugal.

Spain, Belgium, The Netherlands.

Denmark or the rest of Scandina-

via. The disease has all but van-

ished in France. Sylvan rabies (detected in some German foxes)

does not communicate to human

beings. Denmark, which has a long

border with Germany, does not live

in mortal terror of rabid migrants.

Germans do not walk their streets,

or even their woods, in gaiters for

fear of being bitten. There are no

rabid human beings, presumably

the object of this concern, anywhere

on the Continent. The last recorded

If pets are taken, they must go into quarantine in a Government-approved kennel on their return. Quarantine costs some £1,500 per

animal for the requisite six months. Over the past 20 years not one genuine (rather than vaccine-induced) case of rabies has been detected in quarantine. The cost in physical and psychological damage to the dogs and cats is known only to them and their owners. The cost in grief is incalculable — although I am sure some tort lawyer would make a guess. The cost to the tourist trade in refusing to allow continental travellers to bring pets to Britain on holiday must be huge. The policy is illiberal and obsolete. How does it survive?

The answer is that it has its beneficiaries. Over the past 20 years I calculate that the 79 Government-licensed quarantine kennels have taken in some £200 million, a figure that is growing with increased family mobility. Half these kennels are members of the Quarantine Kennel Owners' Association. This describes itself as "the better end of the market". Of the worse end we know little, since the ministry protects kennels from public scrutiny. The quarantine

reform lobby, Passports for Pets, has bulging files on malnumition, solitary confinement, tiny cages, concrete floors, worn paws and throats wrecked by agonised barking. The freedom of these kennels from inspection is extraordinary. given Whitehall's paranoia about the treatment of farm animals. The RSPCA is also barred by law from access. Owners' vets have no declared right to examine their pets.

While no cats or dogs contract rabies in quarantine, some 150 a year die there. In a recent case, the first an owner knew of a death was a box of ashes through the post. Many owners feel their animals die of separation and neglect as much as maltreatment. For a dog, quar-antine is jail without reason. For owners, enduring the trauma of returning home from a foreign posting, the separation can seem no less cruel. The columns of army newspapers are filled with the tribulations of service family pets. The quarantine rules are not only

cruel to animals and individuals,

they are hypocritical. Because they are so draconian, thousands of pets death was in France in 1928. The scare is absurd. are smuggled into Britain without The Government knows this. It waives the rules for Defence Ministry guard-dogs, yet it refuses to do

policy thus imprisons thousands of blind people in Britain for their holidays. Last year the Government abandoned quarantine altogether for traded cats and dogs. The reason was that Brussels, home of the protection racket, had at least rumbled this one. The quarantine laws were disallowed for animal traders under the single market. The best hope for animal

libertarians is yet more European harmonisation. Agriculture ministers are famously tetchy on this topic. When a politician knows he is doing something wrong, he murmurs "poli-tics". Yet there is no politics here. The non-partisan Commons Select Committee on Rabies in 1994 concluded in favour of abandoning quarantine at least within Europe. Vaccination is adequate. Nor is there any great opposition from the media, so feared by John Major's entourage. The Tory press linclud-ing the Telegraph, Mail on Sunday and Sunday Express) regularly

campaign for repeal.

The truth lies elsewhere. It was contained in the remarks of the then Agriculture Minister, Gillian Shephard, to the select committee

so for guide-dogs for the blind. The in July 1994. Pressed time and again on quarantine by baffled Members of Parliament, she preserved the ministry omerta towards the kennel owners and referred only to her "veterinary advisers". Her advice, she said. was that Britain was "not ready". When I hear the such advice, I hear £200 million talking.

> ear after year the ministry plays along. It displays posters of rabid dogs at Channel ports and even canal docks. To say that other diseases more deserve public attention is understatement. In the dog department, pit bulls and rottwellers are a greater menace. So are poison adders. Yet the Government has no adder eradication policy, presumably because there is no adder-farm owners association.

The rabies laws are Britain at its most insular and government at its most timid. The 1994 select committee advised a switch to vaccination and tagging for the movement of pets within Europe and between other rabies-free countries. Vaccination is the practice in other microchip passport implanted

under the skin. The Government response was again that it was "not ready". Kennel lobbyists make much of the ease of evasion, but there is no incentive to evasion that could equal six months' quaran-tine. Any obstructionist can find problems. Only the British Civil Service is allegedly flummozed.

Governments demonstrate their competence in small things as well as big. The official portrayal of the risk of rabies is so distorted as to constitute a lie. Ministers know vaccination works and would leave British dog-owners and public as safe as they are now, and apprecia-bly more free. Yet a change would mean confronting a lobby with profits and a good scare story at its disposal, a story that ministers have long propagated. Ministers would rather not do this, so the lie is disseminated. The nation's roots is disseminated. The nation's ports are daubed with signs suggesting that the medieval alleys of Calais and Ostend are alive with foaming dogs, frantic to devastate the pure homesteads of Merrie England. The last time the Ministry of

Agriculture tangled with this sort of statistical terrorism was over BSE in cartle. Then the boot was on the other foot. It accused its critics of alarmism and exaggeration, of declaring a public health risk where none existed. We were all told to examine the evidence and look at the facts. We were told to

grow up.
Physician heal thyself.

Why we need a change of heart on divorce law

Lord Mackay's Family Law Bill must be made

tougher to help to preserve marriage, says Basil Hume

Government's divorcelaw proposals stems from a deep and growing anxiety about the fragile state of family life. We each have a stake in the long-term objective of preventing marital relationships from disintegrating at the alarming rate they do now. It is a moral, social and political project of immense

proportions.

There is an urgent need to rediscover a shared acceptance of certain unchanging and basic norms governing human behaviour. It is not so much that there has been a sudden outbreak of evil, but rather that the clear signposts which we all need to guide us in living out any human commitment seem to have faded. This is why, in the Roman Catholic bishops' statement on the Family Law Bill in November, we proclaimed the moral and spiritual basis of marriage:

We firmly believe and teach that marriage is absolutely essential to the wellbeing of society. It is a contract or covenant by which a man and a woman freely consent to live with each other "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do

It follows that the Roman Catholic Church is opposed to divorce, whereby the civil authority at-tempts to break this irrevocable covenant and allows another marriage. But the Church recognises that divorce may, in certain circumthe only way of saleguarding the legal rights of the spouses and the children, or the division of

property.
The question is, what divorce legislation will cause the least harm? This is a difficult and complex area, and it would be wrong for anyone — bishop or layperson - to argue that Catholics are, as a matter of conscience, obliged to make a particular prudential judgement for or against the details of the current Bill. On a previous occasion I have said that personally I would support the Lord Chancellor's Bill, if this were to result in reducing acrimony and conflict when the parties are determined to seek divorce, and if it were to end the so-called "quickie" divorce. Since then, having followed the debate closely and reflected further, I have concluded that there are areas where the Bill needs to be strengthened.

There is a salutary lesson to be

learnt from earlier legislation in this area, about how easy it is for the legislators to fail to foresee the actual effect of the provisions they enact. The 1969 Divorce Act contains cautionary examples of how clauses intended to restrict access to divorce have, in fact, led to divorce on demand. In trying to assess the likely effects of the current Bill, it is important to be clear about the present law under which civil marriage has already become de facto a temporary union. Since 1969, it has become common for those seeking a divorce, especially where children are involved, not to rely on two (or five) years' separation as proof of "irretrievable breakdown", but instead to use one of the so-called "fault" clauses by claiming adultery or unreasonable behaviour. Around 75 per cent of divorce petitions cite one of these "fault" clauses, often because it is possible to obtain a divorce much more quickly by alleging fault than by waiting for a period of separation to pass. Most divorces take less

I would imagine that most marital relationships are likely to undergo a degree of stress induced by faults and failings, and those which manage to endure no doubt do so in part because ways of coping, and even growing through these, are developed. But when a divorce takes place, whatever faults there may be on either or both sides are symptoms or causes of what is fundamentally wrong: the break-

down of the marriage.

It is, however, widely argued that by excluding "fault" the current proposals will, for the first time. allow unilateral access to divorce by either partner without any objective proof of breakdown and so turn marriage into a provisional contract. It is further argued that the presence of a "fault" clause has a symbolic effect in underlining the wrongness of attempting to break the marriage contract, and that a "no-fault" divorce law sends a moral message that marriage is a temporary relationship which exists principally for the fulfilment of the individual spouses. The merits of these important points will, I trust, be considered by Parliament. At the same time, other consider-

n civil law, marriage is already a temporary contract which can be broken by the unliateral decision of one partner sustained over a period of time. The new proposals will not alter that. Moreover, even when the "fault" clauses are used at present, it is sufficient for an allegation to be made - it does not have to be proved. Now the Church's teaching is that a valid marriage contract cannot be broken. From a moral point of view the marriage vows continue to bind, whatever the State may say or decree. From a legal point of view it is difficult to see what more objective proof of marital breakdown there could be other than the sustained determination of one or both partners to end it, evidenced for instance by a period of separation.

It is arguable, therefore, that the practical effect of the "fault" clause in the present law is more symbolic than real. In any case, it is necessary to find effective ways of underlining the seriousness of the marriage contract in legislation.

to lengthen the so-called waiting

One obvious possibility would be

Cardinal Hume. Archbishop of Westminster, officiates at a wedding in Westminster Cathedral: is the marriage bond still sacred? period. The Bill, as I understand it, proposes that either or both parties counselling can play in exploring of marriage. And monks do not Church's role always includes the should be able to apply for a divorce order after a 12-month period for reflection, provided they

declare that the marriage has irretrievably broken down and that they have settled all property and custody matters. Here, again, there are a number of factors to be considered, not least the effect of prolonged uncertainty on children. But I do wonder whether a period as short as a year is sufficient to establish that a marriage has irretrievably broken down.

Secondly, there is also the question of what happens during this period for reflection and consideration", as the Bill describes it. The purpose of this period is more than to prepare for divorce; it is to reflect on whether the marriage can be saved. It is therefore essential that sufficient resources are provided for marriage counselling so that at every stage in the process there are ample opportunities for couples to explore whether their marriage is salvageable. Mediation in many cases will no doubt prove to be the least painful way for couples to negotiate what is always a tragic and difficult route to a divorce settlement. But quite apart from mediation, it is essential that more explicit recognition is given in the counselling can play in exploring

the possibility of reconciliation. A third way to bolster the Bill might be to strengthen the so-called hardship bar. This provision, which exists in the present law, bars divorce where dissolution of the marriage would lead to grave financial or other hardship. No one should simply be able to walk away from the legal obligations of a wrecked marriage without first agreeing to adequate and fair terms. Moreover, if one party does not want to divorce, and sees themselves as the innocent party, it is extremely important that they should not be penalised. To this extent at least, it is essential that

These, then, are some of the concerns I have about the Bill as presently drafted. But any necessary reform of the divorce law can only be part of a larger project of strengthening family life.

immoral or unjust conduct should

be taken into account.

One urgent need is for better marriage preparation to be available to all. I am often struck by the thought that a monk has to wait five years before being allowed to take solemn vows. Monastic vows

have the grave responsibility of bringing new life into the world and nurturing young children. We are spending too much money and energy focusing on the ending of marriages, when what is needed is more investment on preparing for marriage and sustaining couples, especially in the early years. Maybe we should make entry into marriage more difficult. In this way we might rediscover a stronger sense of the sacredness and seriousness

of the marriage bond. In saying this I do not ignore the rise in cohabitation, which is a widespread social trend. But the answer is to make marriage more attractive by doing all we can to ensure more marriages flourish. As well as doing more to prepare people for marriage, far more resources than the present £3 million should be given to marriage counselling services and other similar organisations. Furthermore, a comprehensive family policy is needed to ensure that a range of government policies, including employment, housing and the tax and benefit system become

more helpful to families. The Church has an important role too, both in marriage preparation and support for existing mar-

care and support of those who have suffered the pain of separation and divorce, whether it is their fault or not. Bishops and priests should remind them that the fact of being divorced does not debar a person from the sacraments. Remarriage by the divorced does. Towards those who have divorced and then remarried, pastors must, without compromising the Church's teaching, show understanding and compassion, emphasising that they remain members of the Church.

God created each one of us in His own image and likeness. He called us into existence through love, and He calls us at the same time to love. One way of fulfilling that vocation is marriage. If our society is to recover a healthier family life, it requires us to become more aware of the extraordinary potential for human fulfilment within marriages which, although they may not be perfect, are nonetheless good enough. There is a clear need to bring about a change in people's attitudes and expectations regarding marital relationships and the bringing up of children. This requires not so much a change in the law as a change of heart. This is an edited version of an article in the current issue of The Tablet.

Old haunts

WESTMINSTER can scarcely con-tain itself at the prospect of Edwina Currie starring as herself in Prince Edward's new political TV soap, called Annie's Bar. But the programme's maker is cracking on with his next project — the Prince is hunting out ghosts.



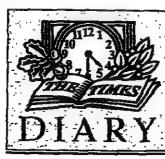
"Personally I think it leaves a bit of an aftertaste"

Edward Windsor, joint director of Ardent Productions Ltd (as he styles himself in the trade), is engaged on a four-part series called Castle Ghosts which he has sold to the Discovery Channel in America.

The first episode, filmed after the game Prince tracked down spirits caster. Sudeley and the Tower of London - is narrated by the pompous Robert Hardy.

With a litary of royal connections and apparitions to draw on, and a history degree from Cam-bridge behind him, Prince Edward is confident of success on his spooky venture, says his Ardent codirector, Eben Foggitt.

But his personal ambition has yet to be fulfilled. "I think he's rather disappointed," explains Foggitt. "He has told me he would like to meet a ghost but has yet to do so. He's talked to a woman who is in a state of shock because a ghost walked straight through her, but sadly it hasn't happened to Edward yet," Foggitt adds. "But we still have to film at castles in Scotland, Wales and Ireland for the



series so maybe he'll have better luck at those locations."

 Could the Bishop of Coventry. Simon Barrington-Ward, a man who drives a Rover but is more commonly to be seen on his bicycle, have been quietly impressed by Lucy "Godiva" Pearce when she derobed so dramatically in Coventry Cathedral? In his address about the environment, he definitely referred to the "ozone leer".

Slugging it

ONE OF the slimier creatures of British politics is in demand. Kenneth Baker, MP for Mole Valley, wants to buy for his caricature collection the Spitting Image pup-

pet which portrays him as a loath-

some slug.
"Yes, he has asked for it." says Roger Law, the puppet-maker who has announced his plan to sell all his puppets after the current series finishes. "But I'm not sure I'll let him have it. I don't think he deserves it." He has also received an inquiry for all the master moulds of the Royal Family puppets -- at any

Swinging

THERE has been alarmingly idiosyncratic behaviour from Alan Howarth, the Conservative defector. His new Labour comrades were bewildered the other day when the Stratford-on-Avon MP ambled aimlessly out of a Commons select committee just as it was voting on its report concerning the Government's immigration and asylum proposals.

Howarth left ostensibly to speak in the Commons chamber, but he never actually made a speech. He had already bemused Labour members of the Social Security Select Committee by tearning up with the far left MP Jeremy Corbyn in opposing some of the committee's

■ The Maxwell trial is to be commemorated by journalists. They already have a tie for the Jeremy Thorpe trial portraying Rinka, Norman Scott's dog, with RIP un-derneath. And there is the Gulf War tie, with a cruise missile and the logo "Saddam Busters". There is even a Scott inquiry tie, I'm told. Now there will be the Maxwell tie



Kenneth Baker: doesn't deserve his slug

waves tightly clutching a batch of sodden pension books.

Pitching in

THE DUCHESS of York is not alone in making transcontinental detours of thousands of miles at the drop of an orb. Matthew Harding, the natron of Richard Branson's weather-troubled round-the-world balloon attempt, is popping back from Morocco this weekend to watch Chelsea play Nottingham Forest at home. It's a round trip of 3.000 miles. "It's my second trip. I came back [by private jet] on Wednesday to watch Chelsea beat Newcastle," explains the chairman of the Benfield reinsurance group.

The been following Chelsea for 33 years. I can't miss a game."

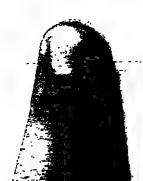
Party pooper

DURING the Maxwell trial, which ended yesterday with a not guilty verdict for the two brothers. Kevin Maxwell said his father was a "frightening character" - after the boy was gated for smoking at Marlborough, the huge man insisted that he wrote home each week listing his scholastic achievements.



Ghislaine Maxwell: quiet birthday girl

Maxwell Senior was no less beastly to his favourite daughter, Ghislaine. At her 21st birthday party, a modest little affair for a few hundred friends, he made a speech inviting guests to have a jolly time. Then came word that the maestro had gone to bed and couldn't sleep for noise. It was well before midnight, but everybody was asked to



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IN THE DOCK

Britain's financial regulation has been tried and found wanting

Maxwell trial is all too predictable. First there are the howls of indignation about the enormous waste of public money - in this case an estimated £30 million. Then there are the demands to abolish the Serious Fraud Office. Finally there are the calls for a leaner, more efficient mechanism to deter financial wrongdoing, probably based on the American financial regulation. Such reactions are almost taken for granted.

But the indignation and the demands for change are well justified. The public may indeed be numbed into indifference by the Guinness affair, the Blue Arrow trial, the Barlow Clowes fraud, the George Walker prosecution, the BCCI scandal and the abdication of authority over the Barings collapse to Singapore. Ministers, merchant bankers and lawyers will be tempted just to shrug their shoulders, rally round and assure the public that the British system is the best anyone has ever thought of.

A new round of such official complacency will not, however, serve the interests of the British economy or the City of London. Indeed, it risks further undermining public respect for the law. The Government's first reaction to this fiasco must be to publish the DTI and IMRO reports on the collapse of the Maxwell empire, information which some in the City establishment would dearly like to suppress. The consequences of this

debacle should then extend much wider, The Government must initiate a serious inquiry into the laws and regulations which govern financial dealing. The main issue is not the competence of SFO or of George Staple, its much maligned director. Nor is there any convicing case for abolishing a fraud defendant's right to a trial or for

The instant reaction to the acquittals in the increasing the SFO's already draconian investigative powers. On a purely statistical basis, the SPO has a perfectly decent record, having achieved convictions in 62 per cent of cases in the seven years since it was set up. The trouble is that the cases that failed have included the most notorious frauds, which have wasted hugely disproportionate

amounts of public money and court time. The experience of these monstrous trials is now conclusive. The common law offences of fraud and theft are simply not appropriate to cover the complicated transactions and chains of contractual relationships which arise in the biggest financial mishaps. Investigators must have a clearer idea before the start of a prosecution of whether or not there has been a breach of the law.

The way to achieve such clarification is to define criminal and civil offences that match the operations of the modern financial world. One approach, proposed this week by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. would be to strengthen the company law offence of deceiving auditors, which currently carries a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment. A broader reform would seek to punish and deter maifeasance through the civil, rather than criminal, law.

The idea of creating a powerful financial regulator, modelled on the US Securities and Exchange Commission, is finding growing support even within the City and the Bank of England, which have traditionally insisted on the lightest possible financial supervision, based on self-regulation. Whichever of the many possible options are ultimately enacted, the Government and the City cannot afford simply to ignore the evidence that the present system of financial

PADDY'S PROBLEM

The Liberal Democrats lack thinkers and need thought

Over the next few days the Liberal Democrats' leader Paddy Ashdown will make the latest of his periodic attempts to move into the limelight. Tomorrow it is his turn to face Sir David Frost and on Monday he plans what he hopes will be a substantial speech on future policies. His view of himself is as a pacemaker for progress in British public life. His problem is that those on the moderate Centre-Left who sought to break the mould in the Eighties are now with Labour. This includes not just the voters but the key thinkers. When he has to answer the question "what are the Liberal Democrats for?" he is increasingly on his own.

The Lib Dems are not without reasons to son symbolises three - their strength in the South-West, an appeal to anxious Tories, and a sense that on issues like Europe they give a clearer lead than Labour. But each of those props is fragile.

The Lib Dems appear to challenge the To-ries closely in the West Country and were successful in harvesting the rural anti-Tory vote at the European elections. But Labour's pre-eminence in the polls is consistent across the country. Any revival of socialist fortunes west of Bristol could split the opposition.

The third party's role as a home for Tory protest has been usurped by Tony Blair's audacious appropriation of One Nation rhetoric and a calculated pitch to bourgeois worries on schools and crime. He has also been helped by the Lib Dems' quixotic attachment to taxing more than Labour.

When Tory Governments were in trouble in the early Sixties, Seventies and Eighties the centre party enjoyed revivals that promised a tantalising breakthrough. But in the Nineties the prospects are less good. The moderates who flocked to Grimond, Thorpe and Steel now look to Mr Blair.

The third Lib Dem advantage, greater clarity than cautious Labour, still exists, but it is being eroded. Mr Blair may have admitted to David Frost that the stakeholder economy was "if you like... a slogan", but Labour is inching towards a more precise definition of policy without, it appears so far,

sacrificing any popularity.

Mr Ashdown is working to sharpen his party's definition. He hopes to act as guardian and pathfinder for the forces of the Centre-Left. He will argue that Labour will need to work out its policies in greater detail to avoid being de-railed by a rejuvenated Right. He will welcome Mr Blair's comments on a stakeholder economy but gives warning that a narrow concentration on economics without answers to environmental. European and welfare concerns will leave advancing on too narrow a front.

Mr Ashdown's analysis is persuasive but there is a danger that the Lib Dems may become simply bridesmaids to Mr Blair. In the past Liberal intellectuals such as Beveridge and Keynes saw their ideas adopted by Labour but their party nearly annihilated. Already many of the thinkers who gave the Alliance momentum in the Eighties, such as David Marquand and Roger Liddle, are Blairites. Other younger figures are following fast.

After the election the Lib Dems may hope to influence Mr Blair in return for freeing him from his hard Left but their power would be limited. Any caucus that sought to impede a new government in its own interests would not be thanked by an electorate

anxious to let the new leader get on with it.

The Lib Dems might benefit from going back to their roots, with a robust reassertion. of liberalism in the face of a lurch to authoritarianism from both main parties, typefied by Jack Straw and Michael Howard. It could attract many otherwise dis-affected voters, especially among the young. On the age of consent and asylum the party has been bolder than its opponents. Liberalism is an enduring creed. It deserves dedicated advoc-

DON'T BEATIFY ME, ARGENTINA

Film is film and fact is fact, and never the credits shall meet

They want to declare Madonna persona non grata in Argentina. DeMillions want to send packing her and the rest of the cast who are in Buenos Aires to shoot the film of Evita with the ageing and outraging sex-kitten. For Peronists Evita is still the god-daughter of Joan of Arc. The hubbub of graffiti and parliamentary motions leaves no room to state that screenplays are unrecognisable from their originals. Otherwise, what point in rewrite-men? And it is no good explaining to Argenteeny-boppers that Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber is a composer of familiar tunes - and nothing as dull as a historian.

But it is worth reminding that moviestruck nation that the connection between stars and the personages they represent on screen is necessarily as thin as the storyline. Real life makes only home movies, which all except those with major feature roles in them would pay not to have to sit through.

In Oliver Stone's Nixon, Anthony Hopkins gives a convincing performance of the Hollywood star as a bumbling loner stoned to death who would not have survived for even a day in Washington. God must have been disappointed with The Greatest Story Ever Told. His only-begotten Son turned out to be a bore with a Swedish accent, and as centurion. John Wayne got only one line: "Truly, this man was the Son of Gaaard." Rock Hudson, Victor Mature and Arnold reers out of beefcaking up dull biographies. . Enjoy the celebrity. Both of the ladies would.

The Scots could object to their nationalist hero, William Wallace, portrayed by Mel Gibson, taking an unconscionable time being disembowelled of his Braveheart. But a nation that took David Niven as Bonnie Prince Charlie and Shakespeare's travesty of good King Macbeth knows its Odeons from its tweedily unglamorous Scot Nats.

Hugh Grant gave an original portrayal of Chopin as upper-class English twit with floppy hair. Charlton Heston made Moses a hearty and hairy Aryan. Madonna may not be everyone's idea of Evita. But nor was Paulette Goddard like Lucrezia Borgia, Nor were Ida Lupino and Olivia de Havilland first choice by the Bronte Society for the sisters. The publicity described the latter, playing Charlotte: The sweetness of love and the meaning of torment — she learned them both together." After playing the St Bernadette who gave birth only to the tourist industry at Lourdes, Jennifer Jones split up with her husband to marry her Svengali director, David Selznick.

Film is the most powerful entertainment of this century. Its flickering images reflect. exaggerate and distort the shadows of real life. But Madonna as Evita is apter casting than usual. Both were ambitious young women who pulled themselves up by the strings of their dancing-shoes to make themselves superstars and populist hero-Schwarzenegger have made successful ca- ines. Never mind the music or the record. From Dr James Tooley

From the Head Master

Sir, All Heads surely yearn for the de-cent behaviour in their schools rightly

called for by Dr Nick Tate, chief exec-

utive of the School Curriculum and

Assessment Authority (report, Janu-

as "a modern ten commandments"

may not be the wisest way to set out

for the Promised Land. Schools must

map out very clearly what they expect

and then gently (but with granite in

the soul) insist on that with a kind of

tenacious hope, knowing all the while

Broken laws imply punishment and

damnation; perceived values which

are met most of the time but not all of

the time demand understanding and

some forgiving. We should remember

that the Ten Commandments were

practical things. It is helpful in schools to follow the same line: all

actions have consequences on other

people and that is the way to present a

moral code to boys and girls, rather

than as rules which can never be

This requires constancy and consis-

tency, but not absolutism, from every person on the teaching staff. Col-leagues will have differing views on

such situations as sex before mar-

riage, living with an unmarried part-

ner and so on; but admirable head-

ings, such as honesty, respect for

others, patience, a sense of fair play

and so on, need to be put into practice,

not with a gavel, but by quiet and fre-

quent example. We all need to remem-ber lago's observation of Cassio: "He

hath a daily beauty in his life that

makes me ugly." Unlike policemen and judges, we as

educators must accept failure as part of the pattern. Firmly and cheerfully

we need to insist on good behaviour in

every nook and cranny of our schools

but we should be happy when most

things go right rather than pompous

when one thing does not.

Rugby School, Warwickshire.

Yours faithfully,

Head Master,

January 15.

and inkwell.

ered dreadful.

January 15.

Yours sincerely.

SHEILA JENNINGS.

From Dr Jon V. Pepper

fingers and clothes.

and presented.

JON V. PEPPER.

Dulwich, SE21.

18 Frank Dixon Way,

Yours etc.

January 13.

Corrada.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN DONOVAN.

Great Rissington Farm.

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

60 Rembrandt Way,

MICHAEL MAVOR.

Points on pens

From Mrs Sheila Jennings

Sir, I was amused to read that the

head of Invicta Girls' School in

Maidstone has banned the use by her

pupils of ballpoint pens to encourage

good handwriting (report, January

In the 1930s my school banned the

reason. We continued to use pen, nib

In spite of this precaution my

handwriting has always been consid-

Sir, Some will recall ballpoint pens

being frowned on in schools 40 or 50

years ago. The reason then was that they were messy and unreliable - particularly the blue ones.

But I also recall that while fountain

pens, particularly the better ones, may have encouraged decent handwriting.

they also led to chronic outbreaks of

thievery in school, something much

less serious with ballpoints. Fountain

pens would also mean a return to inky

It's easy to hanker after the ex-

cellencies of the past, whilst ignoring

the discomforts and disadvantages.

Anyway, I find that most of my

students now turn in computer-

produced work, which not only is

easier for my tired old eyes to read,

but is increasingly better organised

1960s and 1970s. Less known, but

nevertheless worthy of mention, were

These abilities were evidenced by

exhibitions in Paris and London and

his one-man show at the Alwyn Gal-

lery in the late 1970s, which was a sell-

out. At the same time, Eric was under-

taking private commissions in bronze

portraiture whilst living in Anticoli

Marie Gray, a discerning art dealer

at that time and one who had known

Epstein, thought Hebborn's work as

good, if not better, a view supported

by those fortunate enough to own an

original Hebborn. Sadly, the rewards

of forgery distracted him from pursu-

ing his undoubted talents in this field.

Letters should carry a daytime

telephone number. They may be

faxed to 0171-782-5046.

his redoubtable gifts of sculpture.

broken.

that failure will be frequent.

However, expressing moral codes

ary 15: leading article, January 16).

of Rugby School

Following Dr Tate's route will only intensify that abdication of our duties

Sincerely, JAMES TOOLEY (Director, Education Training Unit, Institute of Economic Affairs). The University of Manchester. Centre for Social Ethics & Policy. Oxford Road, Manchester 13. January 16.

Professional Association of Teachers

Sir. Dr Tate is absolutely right to stress the importance of inculcating moral values among our young people. Schools do, of course, have an important role to play in this exercise but it must not be assumed that teachers should be the ones to take complete responsibility on behalf of the wider society for ensuring that children are

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Sir, While of course I welcome Dr Tate raising the issue of moral decline in his role as family man and Christian, there is a crucial ethical difference between this and his raising the issue as a government spokesperson. Per-haps the most deeply disturbing aspect of Dr Tate's intervention was his mention on Radio 4's Today programme that he would seek for his "ten commandments" to be part of the national curriculum when it comes up for

Whose responsibility to instil moral values in children?

In your leader of January 16 you write that "the responsibility for instilling a sense of civic virtue falls more heavily than ever on the overburdened shoulders of the schoolteacher This is dangerous talk. All of us need to wake up to our moral responsibilities, and part of the reason for moral decline surely lies with the way we have handed over increasing responsibilities for our communities to gov-

The best memorial to the murdered headteacher Philip Lawrence would be to eschew government's further encroachment on civil society.

From the General Secretary of the

brought up with a sense of values.

While schools must, and many already do, play their part the whole issue of bringing up the next generation must be the responsibility of us all.

Paris by rail

From Mr Peter Fynn

Moral values cannot simply be taught, they must also be caught from

those around, including parents, If teachers are to play their part successfully, as Nick Tate suggests, then there must be a consensus that provides a positive climate for the teachers' role to be fulfilled. This consensus must not only be about what children are taught in schools: it should also be about what constitutes acceptable values for adults.

Yours faithfully. JOHN ANDREWS, General Secretary. Professional Association of Teachers. 2 St James' Court, Friar Gate, Derby. January 15.

From Mrs S. E. Lampitt

Sir, Morality is a practical problem, not a theoretical one. Children have no difficulty in learning the rules: the concept is very well taught in schools; children know that honesty is right, prejudice is wrong and that the strong should protect the weak.

However, they also know that this is not what happens in the real world. Being astute, they apply the rules se-lectively and in their own favour, just as the adults do.

There are picnty of exceptions, but in general, adults have given themselves licence to obey what rules they choose and children will follow suit. set them what essays we may.

Yours faithfully, S. E. LAMPITT. Theisford Farm. Charlecote, Warwickshire.

From Mr G. J. Hancock

Sir. Is Dr Tate acting in the best interest of schoolchildren by instilling the virtues of honesty, respect for others, politeness, a sense of fair play, patience, etc? Is he not deterring children from future lucrative careers, for example, in politics, journalism, top management and finance?

Yours faithfully, G. J. HANCOCK, 21 Scotts Lane, Brookville, Thetford, Norfolk. January 15.

From Captain P. R. D. Kimm,

Sir, Hell (leners, January 13), I will

feel safer, thank you, with the unequi-vocal teaching of Jesus as it stands in

my (Jerusalem) Bible than with any

comfortable fin de millénaire revi-

tion of the Last Judgment and, in this

context particularly, his terrible words to the cold-hearted: "Go away

from me, with your curse upon you, to

the eternal fire prepared for the devil

A Christian teacher who seeks to

disguise the import and gravity of so

clear a warning, or to put a comfort-

able gloss on it, seems to me to be

standing in considerable personal

Sir, in rejecting the old teachings

about helifire and damnation the

Church of England is more than 200

years behind the times. The Swedish

seer, Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-

1772), thought that God, who is Love

itself, condemns no one but that hu-

man beings are free to choose either

Heaven or Hell (which are states of

consciousness, not "places") by the

way in which they conduct their lives.

The only burning in Hell is a "burn-ing" of selfish desires. Swedenborg

did not believe in the soul's extinction

but taught that Divine Providence

cares even for those who have chosen

RICHARD LINES (Vice-President).

league made a remark about their

Hell as their final state.

The Swedenborg Society,

Swedenborg House, 20-21 Bloomsbury Way, WCI.

being as poor as church mice:

Yours faithfully,

sionism. Matthew xxv, 31-46, is the

A new Hell

and his angels".

Yours faithfully,

PETER KIMM.

69 New Brighton Road.

Emsworth, Hampshire.

From Mr Richard Lines

danger.

RN (reid)

Kind hearts and crowded trains

From Mr Francis Wilford-Smith

Sir, The decline of male chivalry in the face of feminine fortitude in overcrowded trains and buses is not an entirely new phenomenon (Giles Coren's article, "Standing up for gallantry", January 15). In 1943 an eager young 16-year-old Merchant Navy radio officer on his first voyage, I sailed across to New York, where we docked in Brooklyn. Once ashore I wasted no time in leaping aboard the subway. bound for Times Square, the bright

lights and adventure.
The carriage filled, and eventually a powerful, heavily-built woman straphung before me. Acutely conscious of my upbringing, my school, my new naval uniform, my ambassadorial role and the honour of my country, I bounded to my feet and offered her

She looked me very slowly up and down, and in a victous, nasal Brook-lyn voice so chill that it froze me to the spot she replied: "Whaddsa madder -is yer ass sore?"

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS WILFORD-SMITH, Bentleys Farm. Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

From Mrs Marian Lampert Sir, I am female and 52 years of age.

Many parts of me are, sadly, falling down, and some are best supported in a seated position. I positively long to meet Giles Coren on a train. As for the "consensus on pregannt

women getting seats", perhaps this is something new? Some 25 years ago. also travelling between Camden Town and Euston and nine months pregnant, I found the only person to offer me a seat was old enough to be the forthcoming baby's great-grandparent - and female to boot.

MARIAN LAMPERT. Grange Corner, The Avenue, Bushey, Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Maggie Campbell Pedersen

Sir, I sympathise with Giles Coren in not knowing to whom he should offer a seat on the Tube. I recently offered mine to a blind woman, only to be shouted at: her guide-dog pushed off down the carriage, where he lay down, obviously as bewildered as Mr Coren.

Let us hope that chivalry is not dead but merely dormant, and that compliments will again be acceptable too.

Yours sincerely, MAGGIE CAMPBELL PEDERSEN, 36 Fairlawn Grove, W4.

From Mrs John Rabson

Sir, Perhaps travellers of either sex who would like to be offered a seat should wear something to indicate this? I fear though that a lapel badge with Yes Please might be misunder-

Yours faithfully. ROSY RABSON. The Limes Farmhouse. Eyke, Woodbridge, Suffolk. January 15.

From Dr A. F. Olierenshaw

Sir, Mr Coren's reply to the woman who told him that she was only 38, and as capable of standing up as he was, should have been: "I do apologise, madam. I took you to be a lot

Yours sincerely, A. F. OLLERENSHAW, 52 Lightfoot Lane, Preston, Lancashire.

Hope for homeless

From the Director of St Martin-in-the-Fields Social Care Unit

Sir, I enjoyed Matthew Parris's article about the homeless "Mr Brown" and his temporary residence in a Strand shop doorway (January 15) but felt it ended on a note of unnecessary nihilism. Mr Brown's plight is "without meaning", he says, and there is nothing to be done about him and his like.

What an irony that Mr Parris was en route to a concert at St Martin-inthe-Fields. Mr Brown has been known here under his proper name for many years. His sometimes zany opinions are only one aspect of the whole person. His presence in church and at our soup kitchen and in our day centre for homeless people all have meaning. It is a meaning to do with his individual value and his acceptance within the community here. In time Mr Brown will undoubtedly

be resettled. St Martin's will no doubt contribute to that process, as will the time commendably given by Mr Parris.

Yours sincerely ROGER SHALJEAN, Director, St Martin-in-the-Fields Social Care Unit, 6 St Martin's Place, WC2.

Discarded Tardis

From Mr David Orme

Sir, Dr Gospel (letter, January 17) claims that there is another police box on the prom in Scarborough. It is, of course, the same one as in Hendon.

Yours faithfully. DAVID ORMÉ. 28 Cranbourne Road, N10.

A gifted forger From Mr John Donovan Sir, Your obituary of Eric Hebborn (January 13) dwells greatly on his notoriety as an expert forger in the

Sir, How thoroughly British were the complaints from Anthony Field and Elodie Stanley (letters, January 18) about the alleged shortcomings of Eurostar. Seemingly unable to accept the novelty of being able to travel in luxury from Waterloo to the Gare du forever poised to whine about anything and everything new or different?

We, too, travelled by Eurostar to Paris last weekend. We found the service and comfort excellent in both directions, and the journey genuinely

exciting in its own right.

Come, Dr Field and Mrs Stanley, whatever happened to adventure and romance? Or maybe my own view of the trip was coloured by the delightful presence of my companion, who had the "last tuna sandwich" and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Yours faithfully, PETER FYNN, 14 Milton Gardens, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.

Broadly viewed

From Mr Martin Wooller

Sir, If your report of January 16 is to be believed ("Earl rebuilds his family's Victorian telescope") the third Earl of Rosse not only observed "objects hitherto seen only as dim areas of light" with the "Leviathan of Parsonstown", but also constructed its mirror from neutron-star material.

Seven inches in diameter and weighing four tons? According to my reference books, William Rosse's reflector was 6ft wide.

Yours, MARTIN WOOLLER, 3 Cliff Terrace, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Of mice and man

From Monsignor T. G. McKenna

Sir, Mr Stanley J. Blenkinsop (letter, January 13) seems to have let the cat out of the bag. The mice on the pews of the garrison church at Catterick Camp are the work of the woodworking firm of Robert Thompson, of Kilburn, North Yorkshire, whose trademark of a mouse adorns ecclesiastical and secular furniture far and wide.

If so, may the firm expect an exgratia donation from the estate of Terence Cuneo (letters, January 8). Yours faithfully,

T. G. McKENNA, Corpus Christi Presbytery. Alfred Street. Rainford, St Helens, Merseyside.

From Mr Hugh Rigg Sir, The mouse trademark of the well

The second secon

known Yorkshire woodcarver, Robert Thompson, of Kilburn (1876-1955) can be seen on furniture in more than 700 churches, as well as schools, homes and offices in Britain and abroad including the library of my old school, St Peter's, York.

The idea came to him when he was carving a church beam and a colOn the spur of the moment I carved one. Afterwards I decided to adopt the mouse as a trademark, because I thought how a mouse manages to scrape and chew away the hardest wood with his chisel-like teeth Nobody takes much notice. I thought that was maybe like this workshop, hidden away in the Hambleton Hills (The Shell Guide to England, 1970). Yours sincerely. H. RIGG, Royal Cottage, Damerham,

Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

From Mr Nicholas Redman

Sir. Following the joint visit of the

Queen and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to Whitbread's Brewery in London in 1962, the board commissioned Terence Cuneo to paint a picture to commemorate the historic event. The painting has been on display here ever since and visitors can see how Cuneo not only added his famous mouse signature, but most thoughtfully and appropriately provided the little chap with his very own glass of Whitbread's beer.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS REDMAN Whitbread plc, Chiswell Street, EC!.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 19: The Duke of York. Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's], this afternoon received Colonel Hugh Willmore upon assuming the appointment of Honorary Colonel, 3rd (Volunteer)

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's), afterwards received Lieutenant Colonel Geoffrey Moss upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Of-ficer, 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion. and Lieutenant Colonel Chris-topher Rider upon assuming the

BUCKINGHAM PALACE: January 19: The Prince Edward. Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association. this morning visited Castlebar College to meet Gaisce, The President's Award, participants and leaders at Castlebar, County Mayo.

His Royal Highness later at-tended a Gaisce Reception and Luncheon at Ashford Castle, County Mayo. The Prince Edward this after-

noon arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from the Republic of Lieutenant Colonel Sean

O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Royal engagements

Today
The Princess Royal, as Patron of
the Scottish Rugby Union, will
attend the Ireland v Scotland international rugby match at Lansdowne Road, Dublin.

Events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at II. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

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Church services tomorrow, the Third

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.15 S Euch, Mass for 4 voices (Byrd). The Provosc 30 EP, The Chaptain: 7.30 Three Cathedrals

8.30 BP., The Chaptain: 7.30 Three Camerans Services.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 Choral C., Rejoice in the Lord silvay (Anon): 3.30 Choral R., Thou wilk keep him (Wesley):

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP. 9.15 HC: 11 Choral Buch. Ubl carlies (Durufle). 0 HC: 11 Choral Buch. Ubl carlies (Durufle). 4 Choral E. O pray for the peace (Howellin):

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15 Choral M. From the rising of the sun (Obseley: 10.30 Ruch. Canon R Braithwalts: 4 Choral E. Ascribe unto the Lord (Taveral: 4 Choral E. Ascribe unto the Lord (Taveral: Canon M. Taylor.)

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College Green 7.40

Caron M Taylor.

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MI. S HC; 10 Choral Euch, Are verum corpus
(Elgar). Caron J Simpson: 3.30 Choral E.
Rejoice the Lord is King (Archef). The Dean.
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S
Euch; 9.30 M; 11 S Ruch, Almight and
everlasting God (Gibbons). Rev R Symon:
1.15 E. O thoriosisteria samples given Childs.

30 United Services. Christian Unity, Dr G
Smyth.
CARLISE CATREDRAL: 7.45 M; B HC: 10.30
S Each. Missa Sancti Nicolal (Haydn), Mgr G
Turner; 3 E. Lo, Bar-led chiefs (Grotch).
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MF: 5 HC:
9.30 Euch. The Provost: 11.15 S Euch.
Collegium Regale (Howells), Rev J Jones; 6
Choral E. O pray for the peace (Howells),
CALESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 10
Choral M, To Deum (Elgan, Canon T Dennis:
11.30 Choral Euch. Collegium Regale
(Howells), 3.30 Choral E. Almighty God who
by the leading of a star (Bull): 6.30 EP.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M. Te
Deum (Williamsk. Jubilize (March), Omnes
de Saba (Handl), The Priest Vicar; 11 S Euch.
Ouem vidistis, practores (Malcolim), Rev E
Blennerhassett; 3.30 E. Bairstow in D. 1.0 starled Chiefs (Crotch); 6.30 Unity Services.
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL: 0xford: 6
CH, 11.15 S Euch. Omnes de Saba (Handl);
6 S, Reges Tharsis (Sheppand).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 8 C.
10.30 Euch, O living bread (Whitlock), Rev B
Stors; 5.30 E. Let the people praise thee
(Manhas).

Sunday after Epiphany, include:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 19: The Princess Royal left Royal Air Force Lyncham this afternoon to visit Ireland and was received at Dublin Airport by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland (Mrs Veronica

Her Royal Highness later opened the new British Embassy and this evening attended a Din-ner given by Her Majesty's Imbassador at Clencairn.
The Hon Mrs Louloudis is in

KENSINGTON PALACE

Sutherland).

January 19: The Duchess of shire Association of the Blind. today visited Northampton to mark the Association's Centenary and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire (Mr John Lowther).

In the morning Her Royal Highness attended a Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Church and subsequently attended Reception at the Guildhall.

In the afternoon The Duchess of Gloucester visited the Nimbus Laboratories. Lower Farm Road, Moulton Park and later visited Wardington Court, Welford Road, Mrs Howard Page was in atten

Baron Bowness

The life barony conferred upon Sir Peter Spencer Bowness has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Bowness, of Warlingham in the County of Surrey and of Croydon in the London Borough of Croydon.

Appointments Latest appointments include-

Sir David Landale to succeed Sir Hugh Campbell Byatt as chairman of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, Committee for Scotland, on February I.

(Tailis), Canon Green; 3.45 E. The heavens are relling (Haydri).

EXETER CATHEDRAL 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Ave verum corpus (Eiger). The Deen: 11.13 M. Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling (Berilos), Rev D Davier; 3 E. There shall be a star (Mendelssohn); 8.30 E. O come ye servans of the Lord (Tye), Canon D Ison.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.43 S Euch, Missa in tempore Pasciali (Moore, O sacrum convivium (Messiene), Rev M Beck; 11.13 M. Te Deum (Brimen). Greet and marvellous (Tomistins), Canon J Scholleid: 6.30 E. When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev G Beck.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30

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Chancellor; 3-9 United ELICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Lock up, sweet babe (Berkeley), A New Year carol (Britten), The Dean; 3.30 E, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7,45 L: 8,12.30 HC: 9.30 5 Euch, Rev R Devooghi; 11,15 M, O little

west one (Bach), Canon P Dadd; 3.45 E, When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethiehem

(Mendelssohn). LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30 Euch, Missa Sancie Nicholal (Haydn), Canon M Boyling: 9 Choral E. Sumsion in G, Rev G Davies; 4 HC.

M Boyling: 3 Choral E. Sumsion in G. Rev O Oavies: 4 HC
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.10 M & L. 8.12.15
Holy Euch, Rev N Court: 9 Parish Ench, Rev N
Dr. Baldwin; 1) S Euch, O praise the Lord, all ye heathen (Barren). The Dean; 3.30 Christian Unity; 6.30 E a Sermon, Rev J Redvers.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP. 9
HC: 10.30 S Euch, Mass (Stavinsky). The Dean; 6.30 E, Ireland in F. Canon A Radcliffe.
NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Missa O magnum mysterium (victorial, Ave varum corplus (Byrd); 6.10 B, Light of the world (Elgar).
NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC. Canon P Strange: 9.30 S Euch, Benedictus (Mozari). Rev R widdows: 6.30 Christian Unity, St. John che Baptist, Sister Boulding.
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. The Treasurer: 10 Euch, Sarum Mass (Leighton), Leily, ulia (Leighton), Rev J Robinson: 11.20 M, O inlie one sweet (Bach). Very Rev Hugh Dickinson; 3 E, Praise the Lord all ye Gentiles (Gibbons).

(Cibbons).

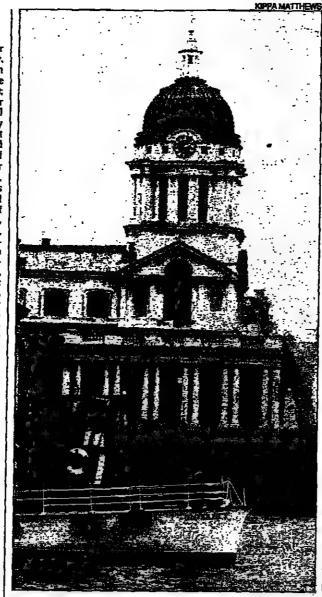
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: || Choral Euch, Noel nouveiet (Jackson), I saw a maiden (Petiman), Rev G Swinton: 3 E. Myn Lyking (Terry), Rev D Atkinson.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M. The Chancellor; 10 S Euch, Ave verum corpus (Mozart). The Dean: 6 E. We praise thee O God (Stanford), The Treasurer.

Birthdays

conservation architect: 84: Mr Tom Baker, actor, 60: Mr George Burns, actor and comedian. 100; Mr Justice Chadwick, SS; Mr Derek Dougan, former (cothall manager and player, 58; the Very Rev D.L. Edwards, former Provost of Southwark Cathedral, 67; Lord Ewing of Kirkford, 65; Sir David Fell, civil servant, 53; the Hon Sir Henry Fisher, former President, Wollson College, Oxford, 78; Miss Liza Goddard, actress. 46; Lord Hanson. 74; the Marquess of Headfort, 64; Major Dick Hern, racehorse trainer, 75; Mr J.K. Ind. former Headmaster, Dover College, 61: Air Vice-Marshal the Ven B.H. Lucas, former Chaplain-in-Chief. RAF. So: Mr David Lynch, film producer, 50; Commandani Vonla McBride, former director, WRNS, 75: Mr Christopher Martin-Jenkins, cricket commentator, 51; Mr Max Morrison, Governor, Parkhurst Prison, 52; Dr Jessica Rawson, Warden, Merton College, Oxford, 53; Mr Natan Sharansky, Soviet dissident, 48; Professor N.C. Wickramasinghe, astronomer, 57: Mr Nigel Williams, novelist, 48; Mr John Witherow, Editor, The Sunday Times, 44. TOMORROW: Mr M.J. Boleat,

former director-general, Associ-ation of British Insurers, 47; Dr Alan Borg, director, Victoria and Albert Museum, 54: Sir John Burnett, former Vice-Chancellor, Edinburgh University, 74; Dr Rohan Butler, historian, 79; Dr David Carey, former legal sec-retary to Archbishop of Canterbury, 79; Lord Cayzer, 86; the Rev J.S. Coventry, SJ. former Master, St Edmund's House, Cambridge, 81: Mr John Denison, former director, South Bank Concert Halls 85 Mr Placido Domines Hans, est Mr Places Continge, tenor, SS: Mr John Dring, head of HM Prison Service College, SO: Mr George Foulkes, MP, S4; Dr John Hayes, former director, National Portralt Gallery, 67; Mr Ken Maginnis, MP, 58; Slr George Middleton, diplomat, 86; Mr Jack Nicklaus, golfer, 56; Lord Justice Phillips, 58; Miss Scone Reid, director, Scottish Arts Council, 46 Mr Paul Scotieid, actor, 74: Mr Aubrey Singer, former managing director, BBC Television, 69; Mr Christopher Stewart-Smith, former president, Association of Brit-ish Chambers of Commerce, 55; the Marquess of Tavistock, 56; Rear-Admiral Str Richard Trowbridge, 76; Mr Laurence Whistler, glass engraver, 84; Mr Norman Willis, former General Secretary.



Greenwich launches out

THE MV Royalty, above, yesterday launched a bold attempt to promote Green-wich as the "natural capital" of the millennium celebrations. It is the first of two launches promoted by the National Maritime Momeum that are decked out in new livery with the slogan "A Voyage Through History to Where Time Begins". They will operate a regular service between Westminster

Church services tomorrow

WAREFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, CRION I KION: 9,15 PAIRS C. CRION D BETTER: 11 SOLEMIN EUCH, O CONTE YE SERVANTS OF THE LORD (Tyc), REV I BROWN: 4 E. FROM the rising of the Lord (Tyc), Rev I BROWN: 4 E. FROM the rising of the Lord (Tyc), Rev I BROWN: 4 E. FROM the rising of the Lord (Tyc), Rev I BROWN: 4 E. FROM THE REVISED (TO THE REVISE) IN THE LINE OF THE REVISE OF

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 8 HC: 11 Choral Buch, The three kings [Cornellus]. The Canon; 3.30 Choral E.

The Canon; 3.30 Chora! E.

ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL: 3 HC; 9.30 Parish
Buch, The Succentor; 11.15 Chora! M. O for a
closer walk with God (Stanford). The Desan; 6
Chora! E. O thou sweetest source (Wood).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. Southward:
5.10.6 LM; 11.30 Solemin Mass. K.49
(Mozzerl, Ave verum (Mozzerl, Mgr J Huse.
ST GUES CATHEDRAL. Edinburgh; 8.10
HC. ASSumple est Maria (Palestinia). The
Minister: 11.30 R Burns Bicentenary, R: Rev.)
Harkness. Praise the Lord in all his
splendour, J Bach: 8 Concert of voices; 8 E.
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THE MINISTER ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M: 11 S Euch, Virga Jesse Rorult (Bruckner), Rev M Saward; 3.15 E, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley), Rev C Calver.

westeys. Ker C Calver.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, WI: 8.5.15 LM: 10.20 HM. The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), Rev P Johnstone; 6 E&B, The three kings (Cornelius), The Vicar.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place; 9 C; 11, Rev R Bewes: 6.30 All Souls Orchestra. Rev S Wookey.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: || Mass ||| of 1651 (Monteverdi), Mayorificat

from about 700,000 last year to more than a million by the end of the century. Allan Reed, director of

prima toni (Lassus).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SWS: \$,12.15 HC:
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11 M. My soul there is a country (Parry) Dr G
Lovali; 6 E. Rev Dr P Ety,
CROWN COUNT CHURCH OB SCOTLAMD,
COVER GARDEN, WC: 11.15, 6.30 Rev 8 Hood,
FARM STREET, W; 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15. Fr
A Meredith, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11, Missa Brevis
(Heller), Jeso mei duicissime (Grandf),
Tranum Ergo (Alain); 11 FOM.
HOLY TRINATY BROMPTON, Bracapion
Road, 5997: 9 HC, Rev J Peters: 1 Informal,
Rev Nounder, 5 Informal, Rev 5 Millar; 7.30
Informal Mr J Jeanings.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, 597: 7, 8,
9, 10, 11 Mass. Missa femiva (Peters),
Jubliane Deo (Handf); 12.30, 4.30, 7: 3.30 V &
II. Adoramis te Domine (Merujo)
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH, Iverna
Gdis, WS: 11 Holy Mass, Archolshop Y
Gizlina.
WESLEYS CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45

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WESILETS CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45
HC; I! MOTOING, Rev Dr Gray.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 1! HC, Rev P Graver; 8.30 United Services.

Bervices.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EG2: 11 Choral MC, Ven M Colciough; 7 V, Rev G Anderson.

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street 11 Choral M & Euch, Benedicamus Domino (Wariock), Canon J Oates; 630 Choral E, and I sew a new heaven (Bainton), Canon J Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Ubi Carlias et amor (Durrifle), Rev F Bishop.

ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SWI: 11, Rev C MacLaod; 630 Rev J McLindoe.

ST ETHELDREDAS, EIV Place 9, 11 S Mass.

REV J MCINGO.

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\$T GEORGES, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 \$ Euch, Mozart in D, Blessed be the God and Pather (Wesley). The Rector.

ST JAMES, Ficadilly, Wi. 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev M Robins; 5.45 EP. ST JOHNS, Stratford, E15: 11 Parally Communion, Sonata No.1 (Mendelssohn), Rev D Horn; 6.30 EP & Praise, Rev J Richardson.

Richardson.

ST LUKETS, Chelson, SW3: 8,12.15 HC; 10.30

ST Euch. Aimignay & Everiasting God (Gibbons), Canna Rasbey, 0.30 Choral E. Les all the world (Williams).

ST MARKS, Regent's Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C. Missa Brevis (Selber). The Crown of Roses (Tchalkovsky), Rev A Shaw.

ST MARTIN-PH-THE-STELDS. WC2: 8,12.30

HC. Rev W Rauchford: 9,45 Each, The Vicen

Royal River Thames, said the launches more informed. multilingual commentary underlined the increasingly important role that the river would play in the millennium

Pier and Greenwich in the

hope of increasing the num-

ber of visitors to the museum

Dinners

The Earl of Lauderdale The Earl of Lauderdale entertained the Defence and Security Forum at their annual dinner held last night at the House of Lords. Lady Olga Maitland. MP, pre-sided, General Sir Charles Guthrie, Chief of the General Staff, was the guest speaker. Mr Anthony Mudd also spoke.

Royal Society of Medicine

Dr Paul Knapman, president of the section of Clinical Forensic Medicine, Royal Society of Medi-cine, received Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, at a dinner held last night at 1 Wimpole Street. Sir Donald Harrison, Sir John Dellow and Assistant Commissioner Anderson Dunn were among the guests.

Supper

Caledonian Club Lord Ramsay, President of the Caledonian Club, was in the chair at a Burns night supper held last night at 9 Halkin Street, SWI. Mr Donald Urquhart was the principal speaker. Professor David Purdie and Professor Jan Mc-Donald also spoke.

Leeds Grammar School

Term commenced on January 9, with Mansoor Ahmed as Head of. School. The Governors have resolved to proceed with the relocation project and have appoint contractors who have started work on the new site. Construction is due for completion in the summ of 1997 and the Michaelmas Ter mas Term will begin in September that year ar Alwoodley Gates.

Latest wills

The Hon Mark Robin Balfour, of Balmord, Derbyshire, chairman, 1971-75, left estate valued at 592.32i net.

Mr Alfred Augustus Levi Caesar. of Cambridge, former lecturer in geography at Cambridge Univer-sity and Senior Tutor of St Catharine's College, left estate valued at E563,100 net.

Mrs Helen Lyal Hudson, of Carleton, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £2,541,846 net. After various personal bequests she left the residue equally be-tween the RNLI, Royal British Legion, SSAFA, RAF Benevolent Fund, National Trust, and the Salvation Army.

11.50 Visitors, Ray C Herbert: 2.45 Chinese, Ray J Bennett; 5 Chorai E; 6.30 Evening, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Rensington WS: 8, 12.30 HC: 9.30 Parish Euch: 11.15 Choral M. Rev F Gelli; 6.30 E. The Vicer.

ST SIMON EMOTES. Milne St. 5W: 8 Ric. 11 Parish C. Missa Brevis (Cressur, Omnes de Saba venien: (Handi), Rev G. James; 6.30 Confirmation, If ye sove me (Tallie), Ave verum (Eigar).

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, 5W7: 8,9 LM; 11 Solemn; Missa, Missa Simile est Regnum (Guerrero). Canatas Domino (Bassier), Caloon C Colven.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF STETERAD VINCUITATION TOWARD OF LONDON 15 HC. 11 M & Sermon, Videntes stellarn (Poulence, Canon J Murrotte

Murphy, Chon J. St. James's Palace: 8.30 RC. [1.15 MP, Here is the little door (Howells), Rt. Rev. Taylor. CHAPEL ROYAL. Hampton Court Palace: 4.30 HC. 11 M. Teach me O Lord (Byrd); 3.30 E. Jehova quam multi sunt houses me (Purcell).

Purceill.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audiey Street,
Wi: 11 S. Euch, Missa Simile est regnum
coelorum (victoria), Salve salutaris victima
philips), Rev S. Hobbs.

GUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11
HC, Rev R Warden.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30
HC: 11.15 MP. Te deum laudamus (Briter),
Jubilate Deo (Britten), Le star-led chiese
[Crotch], Rt Rev F Sargeant.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Weilington Barracks,
SWI: 11 M. The Lord bath manifested forth
his glory (Ball), When Fests our Lord
[Mendelssohn], Rev J Cough; 12 HG.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich, SEIG: S Eych, Casclolini, The Legend (Tchalkovsky), Rev C French

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.A. Blair and Miss J.D. Lamming

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs D.G. Blair, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.D. Lamming, of

Mr J.C. Crawford

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Crawford, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Simone, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Adams; of Torquay, Devon. Mr A.J. Duffy and Min J.M. Christie

The engagement is announced between Andrew James, son of Mr Decian and Mrs Noreen Duffy, of Woodley, Reading, Berkshire, and Sharon Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christie, of Tauranga, New

Mr N.J. Edmonds and Miss J.M.R. Foster

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs B.L. Edmands, of Folks Kent, and Jacquetta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs N.D. Foster, of Neuron. Cheshire.

Mr J.C.M. Graham ami Mim CA. Bros

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Major-General and Mrs John Graham, of Christchurch, Barados, and Tia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Phil Brus, of Montreal_Canada_

Mr S.N. Hobbs and Miss E.C. Frankcom

The engagement is announced between Sebastism Nicholas, only between Sepastism Microspis, only son of Mr M.G. Hobbs, of Millon, Ontario, Canada, and Mrs M.F. Folds, of Monterham St Andrew, Cheshire, and Erama Caroline, only daugiter of Mr G.K. Frankoom, of Arandel, West Sup-

ex. and Mrs M.A. Frankcom, of Chelsham, Surrey. Mr R.T. Johnsone and Miss E.P. Entwise

The engagement is announced between Roderick Tobias, elder son of Mr James Johnstone, of Lowestoft, and Mrs North Johnstone, of Canterbury, and Emma Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Entwisle, of Woodham Mortinier, Essex.

My A.B. Kinch and Miss H.C. Quinnell The engagement is announced between Helen Catherine, younger daughter of the Revd and Mrs Peter Quinnell, of Tewkesbury, Gioucestershire, and Anthony Basil, elder son of Mr and Mrs Basil Kinch, of Chimney on Thames, Oxfordishtre

Mr M.J. Lonergan and Miss I.D.H. Owen

Gelli 630 E. The Vicer.

ST MARY'S. Bourne Street, SWI: 9, 10, 7 LM;

II HM. Missa S Dominici (Rubbra). Pr J

Hadley 6 Solemn E & Solemn B.

ST MARY-THE-VINGIN. Primrock Hill: 8 HC.

10.30 Euch. Mass for a Reint's Day (Ischori).

O quam gioriosum (Byrrd). Rw J Dvenden; of

Searching for Wholeness.

ST MARY-EBGNE. Maryleboha Road: 3 HC.

II Choral Ruch. Messe solemnelle (Langlab).

Deus nomer refugium (Hassier). The Rector.

ST MACHARI'S. Chaeme So. SWI: (0,15)

Children; 11 MP. Rev. C. Marnham; 7

Informal Communition, Rw C. Guinness.

ST YALIM. Wilson Place: AS HC. 11 Solemn:

Euch. Thou wit keep him in perfect peace.

(Westey). An verum (Corelli), Rw N Dawson:

ST PETER'S. Eston Square, SWI: 11 Missa

sine nomine (Hassier). Fr D Tillyer.

ST SIMON LILLOTES. Milner St., SW3: 8 RC. The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Edmond Lonergan, of South Dennis. Massachuseus, and Iolanthe, daughter of the late Mrs Penelope Owen, and of Mr and Mrs John Owen, of Mayfield, East

and Miss L.D. Berridge

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The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Gray, of Halstow, Devon, and Lucy, daugh-ter of the late Mr Brian Berridge and of Mrs Brian Berridge, of Dewlish, Dorset

> Mr D.A. Kidd and Miss J.M. Sherman

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr R.L. Kidd, of Fareham, and Mrs K. Kidd, of Christchurch, Hampshire, and Iane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Sherman, of Poulshot, Wiltshire.

Mr L.M. Ingram

The engagement is announced between Lestie, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Ingram, of Shepperton, Middlesex, and Jane, only daughter of the late Mrs P. Orr and of Mr Anthony Orr, of Isleworth, Middlesex,

Colonel E.J. Mayo. and Mrs P.J. Shimwell

The engagement is announced between John Mayo, of Schore House, Camberley, son of the late Rev and Mrs T.E. Mayo, and Pamela Shimwell, of Ballamoar Castle, Isle of Man, wife of the late Derrick W. Shimwell and daughter of Mrs Dorothy Scott and the late Mr Stanley. Jones, of West Kirby, Cheshire.

My D.P. Rese and Dr R.M. Tinker

The engagement is announced between David Philip, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs Eric Rose, of Shelfield, and Rachel Mary, daughter of the Revd Prebendary Eric and sor Anthea Tinker, of

Mr A.N. Ryan and Miss K.J. Peters

The engagement is amnounced between Andrew Nicholas, second son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Richard Ryan, of Southport, Lan-cashire, and Katharine Julia, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs David Peters, of Cold Brayfield,

Marriage

MECH MEE and Miss K.M. Palrelough The marriage took place on Sat-urday, January 13, 1996, at the Church of St Mary, North Aston, between Mr Charles Harry Meek. younger son of Mr and Mrs lan Meek, of Winding Wood, Berk-shire, and Miss Ketherine Mary Pairclough, eldest daughter of Mr Richard Pairclough, of Berwick Salome, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Michael Watson-Smyth, of North Aston, Oxfordshire. The Ray Mich-

acl Roden officiated. act Woden officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was strended by Isabella Fairckough, India Lewis, Georgina Courtenay-Stamp and Thomas Meek. Mr. Jeremy Courtenay-Stamp was best

A reception was held at North

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales, Hanover, 1707; Wolfe Tone, Irish nationalist, Dublin, 1763; André-Marie Ampère, physicist, Lyons, 1775; Johannes poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1944, Farsoe, Denmark, 1873. DEATHS: David Garrick, actormanager, London, 1779; John Howard, philanthropist and perial

reformer, Kherson; 1790; Sir John Soane, architect, London, 1837; Jean François Millet, painter, Barbizon, 1875; R.D. Blackmore, novelist, Teddington, Middlesez, 1900; John Ruskin, critic and writer, Coniston, Cambria, 1900; Chalde Description Charles Doughty, explorer in Ara-bia, Sissinghurat, Kent. 1925; King George V, reigned 1910-36, San-dringham, 1936.

Hong Kong was ceded to Britain from China, 1841. The Commonwealth expedition led by Sir Vivian Fuchs reached the South Pole, 1958.

Tomorrow BIRTHS: Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson, Confederate the American Civil War, Clarksburg. Virginia, 1824: Christian Dior, fashion designer, Granville,

DEATHS: Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, poet and courtier, exe-cuted, London, 1547; Louis XVI, King of France, reigned 1774-93, executed, Paris, 1793; John Moore, physician and writer, London, 1802; Alexander Herzen, socialist, Paris, 1870; Lenin (Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov), Russian revolutionary, Gorky, 1924; Lytion Strachey, writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1932; George Moore, novelist, London, 1933; George Orwell (Eric Blair), novelist, London, 1950; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer. Holly-Wood, 1959.

Taxi cabs were officially recognised in Britain, 1907. The first Monte Carlo car rally to Bahrain, 1976.

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SURRY - On 20th December, to Alison (see Payne) and Dominic, a daughter, Lucy Ellen, a state for Nicholas,

TYLER - On 17th January 1996, to Rosemary and Simon, a daughter, Alice Sidn, a sister for James and Sophie.

WALCOTT - On Tuesday January 16th, to Jayne (née Holmes) and John, a son, Tyler Joseph, a buther for Lacren,

BARNES - Anthony G.H.
Peacefully at The Reat &
Sussex Hospital on January
17th Much loved husband of
Ann and father of Peter and
Richard and his grandsons.
Fundral Service at Pairwarp
Perish Church at 12 noon on
Friday, January 26th.
Flowers or donations to
British Lung Foundation or
The R.A.F. Bensevicet Fund
may be sent to Failer & Scott.
The Watelyns, Uckfield.
East Sussex TN22 1AJ. tat.
(01628) 763241.

DEATHS

REASURE - On 7th Jac 1996, to Lucy and Stephen, a son, Robert Henry, a brother for Thomas.

We betide the rebellious children, says the Lord, who, making plans, but not of my deviate, pile sin on sin.

ALLEN - On 2nd January, to Sally (née Collinge) and David, a son. Charles Henry, a brother for Emily, Lucy and William.

AMDERSON - On January Srd 1996, to Jette (née Krarus) and Eris. a daughter. Alice Ruby isobel.

BESWICK - On January 16th 1996, to Pahny and Adrian, a son. Throthy for Benjamin.

DOUGLAS MILLER - On January 18th at the Dattern

January 15th of the Eastern General in Edinburgh, to Robbie and Cressids, a

Meddiago.

EL-HOSSES - On 6th January of American Hossial. Paris. to Susan take Calder) and Daniel. Deartiful twin daughters. Sophie and Lata. All dobra well.

EMMONS - On 17th January 1996 at The Portland Hossial, he March and Alark Emmons. a son. Alexander Davis, a broder for Imbelle. HODGSON - On January 16th 1996, to Lacy (née Resealt and Richard. a son. Francis John Russell.

MELLOR - On 16th January 1996. to Grant and Suranne. John Russell. MELLOR - On 18th January 1996. to Grant and Suranne. a besuifed Supples. Other January 1996. to Grant and Suranne. a besuifed Supples. Other January 1996. to Amar Green Zind 1996. to Amar Green Zind 1996. to Amar Green Lind 1996. The March Caller. Marcy Callerton Allow.

RUTLEDGE - On January 17th 21 The Portland Hossial 2 winderful by

17th at The Portland Hospital a wonderful boy

Hospital a wonderful boy Depict John, was been to Tom and Minn Deck. Rudedge and its proud big bruther Chris. \$COTT - On 12th January, in Madison, Wisconsin USA, in Kaada (obs. St. Cair Mills) and Christopher, a son. Caltum Edwin.

BIRTHS

(Mainias).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon M. Perry: 10 M., Videntes stellam (Poulence, Canon R. Coppin: 11.15 HC. Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons). 8ev B Fyall: 3.30 E. Verbum caro (actum est (Sheppard). ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC. (0.30 S Euch,)? ye love me (Fallis), O nata lux de lumine

PERSONAL COLUMN

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BROWN - Dr. Bernard J. Family Doctor in Currie and Halerno, Edinburgh, died on 9th Jamesry 1996 aged 73 years, Memorial Service Saturday 3rd February 1996, 11 am at Currie Kirk. All welcome.

BROGAN - William Christi
St. Stephen OBE. DL. of
Gaddesky, Leicesterahire.
19th Jamury at home. Dear
husband of Jean and loving
father of Shatta, Piers and
Simon. Frantly funeral and
flowers. Mannorial Service to
be arranged. Donations.
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OBITUARIES

Lord Glendevon, former Conservative MP and, as Lord John Hope, Minister of Works, 1959-62, died on January 18 aged

83. He was born on April 7, 1912.

THE younger twin son of the 2nd Marquess of Linlithgow, Lord John Hope arrived in this world just a few minutes too late to inherit the marquessate or Hopetoun House, the fine Adam seat which went with it, and its rolling acres leading down to the Firth of Forth. To some extent he was to live his early life in the shadow of his elder brother Lord Hopetoun (who became the 3rd Marquess in 1952), for Hopetoun was a vivacious and extrovert character, while Hope, though capable of being very funny, was possessed of a more gently contemplative personality.

In the parallel careers which the two brothers were to follow in Parliament. Linlithgow was to prove an erratic but effervescent presence in the Upper House while Hope put in long years of understated but committed service in the Commons. As a Conservative MP from 1945 to 1964 he distinguished himself by his old-fashioned dedication to duty, and his sense of service to others. "The fact remains that by and large the truth is noble." he insisted in

one of his speeches to the House.
This spirit of public service and a dedication to what was perceived as truth ran in the blood of John Adrian Hope. His father, as Viceroy of India, had cut a somewhat lonely figure, his efforts to accomplish Indian federation bringing him into conflict with everyone from Mahatma Gandhi to the Right of the Conservative Party led by Winston Churchill, Hope inherited something of his father's fighting spirit. Having been educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, he joined the Scots Guards in 1939 and was thrown almost at once into active service. Hope took part in the Battle of Narvik, in the actions at Salerno and Monte Cassino and was also later on the planning staff for the Anzio landing. He rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonei and was twice men-

tioned in dispatches.
His brother, meanwhile, had been taken prisoner and incarcerated first ar Coldiz and later Konigstein. Falling severely ill, he and Earl Haig, a fellow POW, would have died had Hasselman, the camp commandant, not defied Himmler's orders to move them on. After the war, when both Hopetoun and Haig had been flown home safely, the commandant Hasselman was tried for war crimes and died shortly

LORD GLENDEVON



afterwards in French custody. Hope, who on demobilisation in 1945 had been elected Conservative MP for Northern Midlothian and Peebles. showed a characteristic concern that justice should be done and joined forces with Haig to clear Hasselman's name. While Haig used his position in the House of Lords, Hope made a moving and successful appeal in the Commons for the commandant's estate to be freed for his widow.

However, Hope's staunch commit-ment to personal principle might have been at times an impediment to his career. As a young MP he fought hard to dissuade Conservatives from opposing the Indian Independence Bill. It was right in the middle of this campaign that Churchill, somewhat to

become his parliamentary private secretary. Hope knew his ideas at the time were out of sympathy with Churchill's. He declined the offer. "I did not tell Churchill the real reason," he later said. "Just that I wanted to stand on my own feet a bit longer. But he knew. He smiled and said, 'I quite understand"." The vacancy was in the end filled by Christopher Soames.

Hope did eventually become a junior minister in Churchill's Government in 1954 when he was made Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. In 1956, in Anthony Eden's Government, he was Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations and, in 1957 under Harold Macmillan, he was appointed Under-Secretary for Scotland.

In 1959 Hope was appointed Minis-Hope's astonishment, invited him to ter of Works — a curious department wife and their two sons.

nearly always outside the Cabinet but which traditionally bore some responsibilities for state occcasions. In 1960 it fell to him to supervise many of the arrangements for Princess Margaret's wedding. He presided over the Ministry of Works until July 1962 when he was one of the minor victims of Macmillan's "night of the long knives".

On leaving the Commons in 1964, Hope picked up the threads of a business career which he had been involved in before his appointment to government office. He reassumed his seat on various boards, including the Colonial Mutual Life Insurance Company and BET Omnibus Services. In 1964, the year in which he was created Lord Glendevon, he was appointed chairman of Geigy and in 1982 was appointed to the board of Standard Telephones and Cables.

Right to the end of his life Hope maintained his interest in the public sphere. His opinions were voiced frequently in the letters columns of The Times and, even as recently as 1992, he issued a stern admonishment to the Princess of Wales recommending that she should "take a pull" on herself for the sake of the Throne and the country. The Royal Family must "bear their cross and that's all there is to it." he

Hope, however, had many interests outside his working career. He enjoyed the tranquillity of fishing, although once, as a young man out with his brother on Loch Morar, he believed he might have hooked a monster - a creature "as heavy as an elephant" grabbed hold of his rod and dragged it into down into the dank depths. Hope was also an amateur painter and interested in the arts and the cultural heritage of Britain. For a time he was chairman of the Historic Buildings Council. At his home in Guernsey, where he moved for reasons of health. he enjoyed gardening - his wife, it is said, would have to summon him from the flower beds by vigorously ringing a bell. In 1971 Glendevon (as he was by then) wrote a book, The Viceroy at Bay. an uncritically nostalgic account of his

father's viceroyalty in India.
Hope married Lisa Paravicini, the daughter of Somerset Maugham in 1948. When fifteen years later Maugham, hoping officially to adopt Alan Searle, the private secretary with whom he lived, opened an action against his daughter to revoke gifts of property he had made to her, she appealed successfully against the

Lord Glendevon is survived by his

N. T. RAMA RAO

Nandamori Taraka Rams Rao, Indian film star and politician, died on January 18 aged 72. He was born on May 28,

INDIAN politics, it is said, is dominated by three distinct idioms: the traditional, the modern and the saintly. In his tempestuous 14-year political career, N. T. Rama Rao successfully combined all three. NTR. as he was always

known, owed his initial popularity to his portrayal of mythological heroes in films made in Telugu (the language of Andhra Pradesh). He starred in over 320 productions in a film career that stretched from 1948 to his formal entry into politics in 1982, and became a cult figure in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh by variously playing Krishna, Ram, Ravana, Meghnad, Bheeshma and Duryodhana - characters from the epics Ramayana and Mahabharata - in Telugu blockbust-

His role in ers. Venkateshwara Mahatyam a history of the famous Hindu temple in Tirupati — was celebrated with audiences praying before the screen and showering offerings of flowers

and money.
Having made the transition from ordinary mortal to living deity, Rama Rao, in true south Indian fashion, turned to public life. By the early 1980s he had sensed the growing disenchantment at Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's imperious remote control of Andhra Pra-desh from Delhi, after five chief ministers had been removed in two years, including one dropped for failing to be adequately deferential to-wards Rajiv Gandhi, the heir

Rama Rao protested against the affront to "Telugu pride". In 1982 he formed the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) with no support from entrenched political groupings in Andhra Praional Front — a loose,

apparent.



desh. Undeterred, harnstormed the state in his campaign bus, the Chaitanva Raqtham (chariot of awakening) and drew enthusiastic crowds. His theatrical oratory and costume changes - from saintly saffron to cowboy stetsons to the traditional white dhoti -- earned him the sobri-

quet "Drama Rao". The TDP's spectacular victory in the 1983 state assembly election catapulted Rama Rao to the national stage. As Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, he was at the centre of moves by India's disparate non-Congress parties to forge a united front against Indira Gandhi. At one time Rama Rao even contemplated enlarging the TDP into a pan-Indian Bharat

Desam Pariy. Indira Gandhi pre-empted these plans with a constitutional coup that resulted in Rama Rao's dismissal as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. He took to the streets, and so strong was the popular antipathy to the new state government that the TDP regime was reinstated within a month.

Fortified with a fresh mandate in Andhra Pradesh in 1984, Rama Rao again turned his attention to national politics. in the campaign against Rajiv Gandhi, he was instru-

somewhat unwieldy, coalition of non-Congress parties - and became its chairman. But this preoccupation with winning power in Delhi proved costly; Rajiv Gandhi lost the 1989 election nationally but Rama Rao was voted out in his own

STILLE. In late 1992 Rama Rao, who was then a widower, surprised everyone by abandoning his saffron robes and marrying his woman biographer Lakshmi Parvathi, a divorcee in her early forties. The marriage proved extremely unpopular with his immediate family, the more so when Lakshmi Parvathi displayed political ambitions. Ignoring the rumblings, Rama Rao remounted his Chaitanya Ratham mobilised for his

comeback. In the 1994 state election, the Rama Rao-Lakshmi Parvathi duo was an instant hit, drawing the same large crowds. Like him she proved an electrifying communicator, stepping in when exhaustion overcame her ailing husband. Combining populism with morality rice at a ridiculously subsidised price and total prohibition within a month — they defeated the Congress party and won Andhra Pradesh

back for the TDP. It was a Pyrrhic victory. Angered by the growing "ex-tra-constitutional, role" of Lakshmi Parvathi, Rama Rao faced a revolt within his family and the party. He refused to countenance her withdrawal from public life, which prompted his son-inlaw to split the party and wrest the chief ministership from him. Comparing himself to the Moghul emperor Shahjehan who was deposed by his son, Rama Rao was preparing for yet another political encore in this year's parliamentary election when he died.

He is survived by his widow, and by seven sons and four daughters by his first

MINNESOTA FATS

Minnesota Fats. American pool player. died on January 18 aged 32. He was born on January 19, 1913.

MINNESOTA FATS was a dazzling pool player who was immortalised on film by Jackie Gleason in that great lowlife sporting movie The Hustler (1961). It was a relatively small part for Gleason, but one which gave him the chance to prove himself as a serious actor. The highlight was when Gleason (as Fats) and Paul Newman (playing Fast Eddie), take each other on in a marathon match lasting consecutive hours. Gleason - no mean pool player himself in real life — showed off a stunning repertoire of bank shots, masse shots and backspin. Like Fats, he was huge but light as a bird on his feet, immaculately dressed in a three-piece suit with a dismond ring sparkling on one pudgy finger. However well the portrayal

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went down with the public professional pool players in America were split over Gleason's charismatic impersonation of Fats, not least longest-running feuds in pool history: that between the real life Minnesota Fats and Willie Mosconi. Mosconi was the Babe Ruth of billiards (he refused to call it pool, the very opposite of Fats - handsome, professional and agile. He was determined to raise the game from the smokey basements in which it flourished to the status of a respectable American pastime. Fats stood for all the old ways - a selfpromoting bar-room player, a flashy poolroom shark, a hustier: "If he could beat his uncle out of \$2, he'd do it," complained Mosconi. Ironically. Mosconi had been called in as technical adviser on The Hustler, only to see the film make Fats, and all that he stood for. altogether more respectable. In fact, Minnesota Fats only began calling himself Minne-

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film's success.

sota Pats soon after the film's release. Until then, he went by the name of New York Pats. Afterwards he argued that, since the character was so blatantly based on his own, he might as well profit from the Pats was christened Rudolf

Walter Wanderone Jr. and was intentionally vague about when he was born, sometimes and the time he played pool on a solid gold table in a sultan's palace in Baghdad. Notwithclaiming it was as early as a standing the hype, he was an 1900. Worshipped and overfed as a beby, he was only two when his uncle first took him Cornbread Red. to a pool hall. He grew up in saloons, sitting on the edge of the tables, and shooting pool necessitated a good deal of travel across the States, and however fanciful the stories with one hand. He never went to school and by the age of ten

ing at only 5ft 10in, he weighed as much as 300lb. He was in his prime as a player from the 1930s through to the 1960s, when hustling provided his main source of ncome. He insisted on shaking an opponent's hand before start of play. If the palm was clammy (through nerves) he increased his bet accordingly. He was also a talkative man, and he spun a web of semi-fact and blatant fiction around his past: his romance with Mae West, for instance,

he was beating grown men. Like Gleason, he swelled to

impressive dimensions: stand-

impressive player, and he beat the best players of his generation: Blue Hamilton and Fais's career as a hustler

were, they were hard to disprove. For this reason, long before Robert Rossen had made The Hustler, Fats had entered poolhall legend. But the film brought him celebrity with a new generation of players, and Fais, now living in Nashville, held court at the Stockyard nightclub six nights a week. His rival Mosconi eventually flushed him out of semi-retirement for a public contest in 1978. Unfortunately, Fats was no match for Mosconi's more accurate play. and was soundly beaten, but the game raised the profile of pool. Although never taken as seriously as snooker in this country, there is now a Mosconi Cup in which Alex Higgins and Jimmy White have competed.

Fais's last few years were not glorious ones, and like Mark Twain he had to suffer the ignominy of being presumed dead by some sports commentators, long before he actually died. Added to the misfortune of bad health, his first wife Evaline, to whom he had been married for 40 years. divorced him in the early 1990s. The strain of making so many public appearances had, she complained, made him tired and grumpy. But soon afterwards he married a 27-year-old, Theresa Ward. and she survives him.

GEOFFREY FOXCROFT

Geoffrey Fozeroft. OBE. Head of Science at Rugby School, 1959-80. died in Combria on January 12 aged 71. He was born on June 19, 1924.

FOR more than 40 years Geoff Foxcroft was a committed teacher and a leading figure in science education. He helped introduce modern physics into schools, was constantly at the forefront of developments in school apparatus and was a key member of the team which developed the Nuffield A-level physics course — a course which changed, for a generation, the teaching of physics after the age of 16.

Geoffrey Edward Foxcroft was born in Liverpool, where his father ran the Wyman's bookstall on Lime Street station. From Birkenhead Institute he won a scholarship to Cambridge, only to have his studies interrupted by the Second World War. He joined the Admiralty Signals Establishment and spent the war calibrating battleship radar at

After teaching at Moseley Grammar School, Birming ham, he returned to Cambr idge, leaving with a first, Posts at William Hulme School, Manchester, in 1950 and Westminster School in 1952 preceded a move to Rugby School in 1958: he was to be an outstanding head of science there for 21

vears. This was an age of appara-tus and curriculum development. As a member of the Committee on the Teaching of Modern Physics, he spent years cajoling manufacturers to produce new and more suitable teaching apparatus. Much he designed himself. His unique lecturing and demonstration style showed his genius; lucid presentation and obvious enjoyment often concealed an earlier struggle to grapple with the practical

and intellectual obstacles which lav between his vision and the inevitable constraints of the classroom.

In the Nuffield A-level physics project the personal chemistry of the team was a critical ingredient: here Foxcroft was an invaluable catalyst and writer. His views were both strongly held and well inwilling to accept an alternative direction. He used his long teaching experience to turn advanced ideas into feasible classroom work; part of his genius was to simplify while maintaining authenticity.



As head of science at Rugby School, his wider work brought many benefits. Generations of pupils experienced the latest curriculum developments as well as his unique enthusiasm and interest in physics. His deep commitment to science, coupled with a willingness to give time for anything, was the hallmark of a great science teacher.

Down the years he could be found in the school workshops at all hours of day and night, sucking on his pipe and addressing the latest apparatus repair, curriculum development or pupil problem. A constant stream of pupils -

many now doctors and scientists - have cause to be grateful for his support and belief in them. He cared about people as well as about science; and it was typical that one of the last journeys he made — suffering badly from emphysema — was to the inaugural lecture of a former Rugby pupil as Cavendish Professor of Physics at

Cambridge.
In leading his department he was firm, even flerce at times. His endless commitment to excellence did not aiways make him an easy colleague: there was often lively, even vigorous, debate especially as he was open enough to appoint teachers who would challenge his

Foxcroft lectured abroad in The Netherlands, Israel, Poland and Italy — under the auspices of Unesco and the British Council, ran regular courses in Wales and Northern Ireland and was a frequent speaker at meetings of the Association for Science Education. In 1976 he was appointed OBE for services to science education and in 1981 was awarded the Bragg Medal and Prize of the Institute of Physics. In 1986 he was elected to honorary membership of the Association for Science

Education.

moved to Cumbria but never seemed far away: he was closer, however, to his beloved "ratty", the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway. He was appointed a governor of Rug-by School ten years ago and, despite advancing emphysema, remained in touch - not only with his many friends and colleagues but also with the latest developments in science education. He is survived by his wife Collie, whom he married in

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1946, and by a son and a daughter.

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DIVISION ATTEMPT TO PROVE AN ALIBI FOR A DOG Pegrama v Abbott (Before Mr Justice Bailhache)

KING'S BENCH

Judgement was given for the plaintiff in this case, a farmer, of Nazeing, Essex. He alleged that on December 6, 1918, a dog belonging to the defendant chased and worried a flock of sheep which were ewes in lamb. The plaintiff claimed damages as follows: £sd 1500 Three ewes killed at 100s each One Sutherland ewe killed at 80s ... _400

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ON THIS DAY January 20, 1920

When a dog "of the Chow breed" was accused of chasing and worrying a flock of ewes in lamb, the judge remarked that the real question was whether the dog could establish an alibi.

The defendant denied that a dog belonging to him had chased or worried a flock of sheep then or at any other time. The dog accused was of the Chow breed.

Mr Justice Bailhache - The real question in this case is whether the dog can establish an Mr Ridgwell, a hay carter, said that on

December 6, 1918, about 12 o'clock he met a flock of sheep on the Roydon road running bard with a black dog "with a face like a fox" chasing them. He shouted, and the dog turned and went back: he would know the dog in a million. He had known Mr Abbott's dog.

which was the only Chow dog in the district.
On the other hand, Mr Abbott who on the day in question went up to London, said that the dog was there when he left at 9 o'clock and when he returned at 2 o'clock the dog was quite clean with no wool or blood on him. His housekeener said that she had fed the dog as usual that day and he was quite clean. Mr Justice Bailhache said that this was a

case in which a dog which was not known before to have chased anything was said to have taken it into his head to chase this flock of sheep. He must accept the evidence given by Mr Ridgwell, who had positively identified the dog as the black chow.

The evidence to the contrary was that the dog was at home at the time, but the housekeeper was speaking of something which she did habitually, and the dog might easily have been away half an hour wit being missed.

He (his Lordship) must find as a fact that the plaintiff had made out his case that this was the dog. He had come to the conclus that Mr Abbott, though he denied that his dog was guilty, sent the dog away to London, as he thought that if a dog once did this sort of thing he would continue to do it. He thought the right estimation was 1's lamb to a ewe, and the total damages should be assessed at £135.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Maxwell brothers cleared of fraud

Kevin and Ian Maxwell, the two youngest sons of the media tycoon Robert Maxwell, were cleared yesterday of a £122 million conspiracy to defraud company pensioners in a dramatic finish to an eight-month trial which could spell the end of the Serious Fraud Office. Larry Trachtenberg, an American, was also cleared of all charges... Pages 1, 2-4, 21

City mocks Serious Farce Office

■ There were calls last night for dramatic changes in the way the Serious Fraud Office operates. Senior City figures and former SFO officers said that they had watched in disbelief as trial after costly trial had foundered. Some have dubbed the organisation the Serious Farce Office..

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Robert Dole's main Republican

rival. Steve Forbes, is a multi-

millionaire publisher with a Uto-

French military conscription, in

operation since 1789, is to be

changed for a force of volunteers

and professionals..... Page 14

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ians and an Israeli soldier was

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A Bordeaux barrister is after Mau-

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The Chechen sympathisers hold-The search for the country's top ing 170 hostages on the Turkish preacher resumes today with the ferry Avrasya surrendered to security forces after contacting law-yers from the vessel Pages 1, 12 Dole's rival

Walking tall

A woman paralysed in a car accident can stand again with the aid of a computer-operated device implanted in her spine...... Page 7 Chief teacher

A teacher at a Norfolk girls' school who launched an education programme in Ghana is to become

Bank bites back A couple compensated by Lloyds Bank for its bad property advice were ordered to pay the bank more

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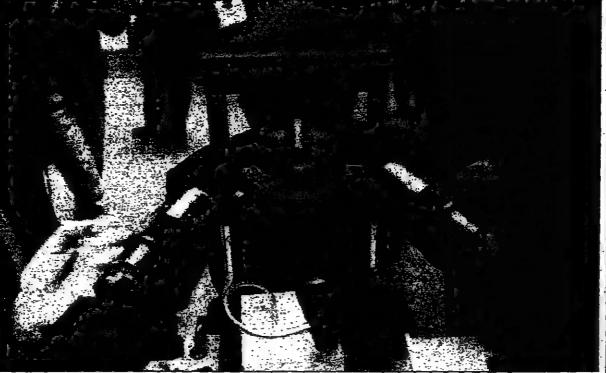
Major's vision The social chapter is an immoral European tax on jobs, John Major said, presenting his vision of an

"enterprise economy" Page 10

Royal soap about slippery MPs

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Politics will take a back seat to the romantic peccadilloes and financial shenanigans of MPs in Annie's Bar, a Channel 4 series made by Prince Edward's company, Ardent productions. It aims to be racier and more scurrilous than Eastenders Page 10



Tony Blair learning how to control computers by eye movements at Loughborough University. Page 10

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Judging by her frequent jaunts, the spectacularly but unsurprisingly overdrawn Duchess of York seems to love foreign parts: America, where the royals are regaled and where she could pay off her overdraft on the lunchtime lecture circuit, awaits -The Scotsman

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need to change attitudes and emectations towards marital relationships and bringing up children Page 20 Simon Jenkins: Over the past 20 years not one genuine case of rabies has been detected in quarantine. The policy is illiberal and obsolete. How does it survive?...... Page 20

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Holiday bld: Airtours, Britain's second largest tour opcrator, is in takeover talks with Carnival, the Miami based cruise firm Page 25. On the buses: Stagecoach Holdings, Britain's biggest bus company, continued its buying spree with the purchase of two Devon bus services. Devon General and

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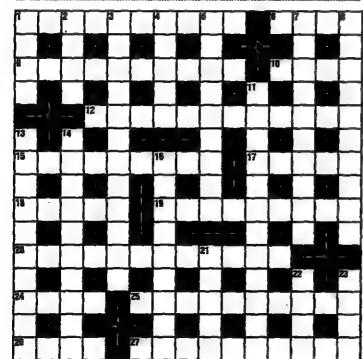


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I Immersing page in water pro-

2 He allowed nothing odd on his

7 Many in parties animated with it?

11 Top sportsman as provider of

14 't isn't involved with water! (4-6).

16 Put together a small contract, for

example, with speed (9).

22 Life? That's about right (4).

21 Flower-girl with hot temper (5).

23 HE has English in for wine (4). Solution to Puzzle No 20,068

duced tears (4).

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ordered (3-9).

stormy ocean (9).

8 Long nettle leaf (4,6).

music (6.6).

13 School subject (10).

ACROSS

- J See what's in store for an outsider
- 6 Characters in front of queue, say, looking down on others (4).
- 9 As mediator, 'e is received by leader of race (10).
- 10 Noticed new cut (4).
- 12 Representative steps on ladder for each boy (12). 15 Copy a restrictive rule, except for
- initial line (9). 17 Provide a view round wood (5).
- 18 Game in which county quickly
- succeeded (5). 19 Routine start of term - study
- philosopher and economist (9).
- 20 Pitch for performing a nocturne?
- (7,5). 24 Nine letters from here in return
- for one from abroad (4).
- 25 Relatively informative diagram of house (6,4).
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General: Showery but some bright

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odered and Northern Ireland will start rather grey with rain in the west and drizzle over the Grampians and Shetland. Wet and windy weather will continue across Northern Ireland.

London, SE England, Central S England, Midlands, Channel Islam, N Wales, NW England, Lake Die-trict: Cloudy, becoming brighter, sunny spells. Dry after dark. Wind south-east becoming east, moderate. Rather cold in the wind. Max 7C (45F)

showers in the west, brighter in the east. Mainly dry after derk. Wind south-east fresh. Max 9C (48F). Cilsie of Men, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyti, NW Scotland: Rein turning to drizzle. Meinly dry by dusk. Remaining cloudy. Wind southeast fresh or strong. Cold in the wind. Max 8C (46F).

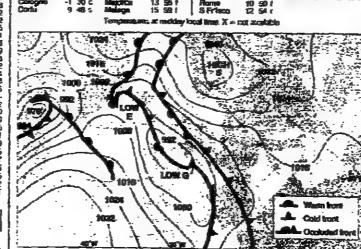
El Edinburgh: & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Mo-ray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mainly cloudy with drizzla-at times. Wind south-east fresh to strong. Max 8C (43F).

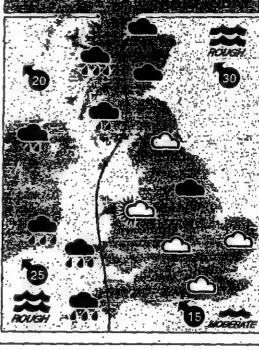
CIM Instand: Rain, heavy at times, mainly dry by midnight. Wind southeast tresh. Cold in the wind. Max 8C Outlook: Bright spells, especially in the west. Cold and windy

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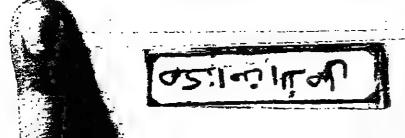


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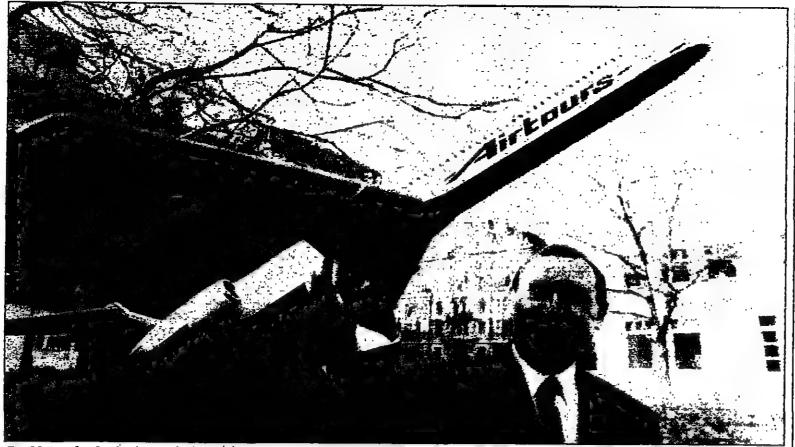
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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David Crossland, whose company, Airtours admitted yesterday that it had been in bid talks with Carnival, the US cruise group based in Miami

Domestic worries hit pound.

CORRESPONDENT

STERLING slumped to within striking distance of record lows yesterday as traders talked feverishly about the Government's political difficulties and speculated that Thursday's quarter point cut in rates was taken against Bank of England advice

The pound sunk to 82.8 on its trade-weighted index against a basket of currencies, not far above its closing low of 82.2.

Such domestic political worries meant that the pound barely held its own against the mark, which has been sliding. It fell against a resurgent dollar.

In spite of the current US budget impasse, the dollar has been bolstered by support from officials and by figures yesterday showing that the US economy grew 3.2 per cent in the third quarter of 1995, slightly stronger than estimated. Non-farm payrolls rose by 151,000 in December and inflation remained subdued with consumer prices unchanged in November.

Airtours in bid talks with cruise group

AIRTOURS, the travel com-pany built up from humble beginnings into the UK's second largest tour operator, admitted yesterday it was in bid talks with Carnival Corp, the US cruise group. Rumours had been rife since

the end of last year that the cash-rich cruise company might make an offer for Airtours, founded 17 years ago by David Crossland, chairman.

But after Airtours' share price surged 38p to 438p yesterday before falling back to 433p, the company was forced to make a terse statement to the Stock Exchange.

On the closing share price, Airtours is valued at £500 million. Beeson Gregory has forecast pre-profits of £68.2 million this year, a rise of £11

"Airtours and Carnival have been in discussions with regard to future co-operation which could lead to Carnival

acquiring a stake of less than 30 per cent in the share capital of Airtours by means of a subscription for new ordinary shares and a partial offer to all shareholders," the statement

The City believes a tie-up between the two makes sense and would give Airtours solid financial backing in the vola-tile world of tour operating. Simon Eccles-Williams, a

director with Morgan Grenfell and adviser to Airtours, said if the deal went ahead if would take the form of a conditional placing with a partial offer to all shareholders. Some stock would be bought from shareholders, and the rest of the 30 per cent stake raised through issuing

new shares. He expected a decision "within weeks" but was unable to say whether a statement would be issued to coincide with Airtours' annual

meeting on Thursday. Under takeover rules, an holiday market.

acquisition of more than 30 per cent would require Carni-val to make a full bid for Airtours. However, if Carnival does

take the stake, it will make Airtours virtually bid-proof from other predators, as David Crossland owns 26 per cent of the company, with a value of around £130 million. Airtours has refused to comment further.

Carnival, which is based in Miami, is considerably larger than its cruise competitors, P&O and Trafalgar House's Cunard Line. It has strong cash flow, low long-term debt, and enjoys margins of 30 per cent compared with 12 per cent

The deal would make sense for both parties. Eighteen months ago Airtours bought two cruise ships and set up a highly successful fly-cruise pro-

gramme, while Camival is keen to diversify into the UK

Wayne Sanderson, leisure analyst with Merrill Lynch, said Airtours was believed to be close to acquiring Simon Spies Holdings, which has a per cent share of the Danish holiday market, and an injection of money would help fund the acquisition.

David Crossland, who floated Airtours in 1986, has since set up a subsidiary charter airline, acquired the Aspro, Tradewinds, and Late Escapes holiday brands and bought substantial holiday companies

in Scandinavia and Canada. He shares an aggressive, entrepreneurial corporate out-look with Michael Arison, Carnival chairman and chief executive, who has a 10 per cent holding in the US

Airtours achieved pre-tax profit of £59.1 million in 1995.

buying spree in Devon By Sarah Cunningham

Stagecoach

continues

STAGECOACH HOLD-INGS. Britain's biggest bus company, continued its buying spree with the purchase yesterday of two Devon bus services. Devon General and Bayline for £16.1 million. Stagecoach, which last

month won the rail passer franchise for South Trains and which has been criticised by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in the past, said it does not expect any problems with the authority this time.

Although South West Trains operate out of London as far as Exeter, Stagecoach said its nearest bus operation is in Hampshire. The company, which has grown rapidly by purchasing small regional companies, is expected to establish an integrated network for buses and trains

in the Exeter area.

The £16.1 million in loan notes will be paid after finalisation of a completion audit. There could be a reduction in the final price if net assets are less than E5.1

The two bus firms run local bus routes in Devon, employ some 710 staff and operate 320 vehicles. They made a pre-tax profit of £1.7 million on a turnover of £14.6 million in the year ending March 31, 1995. Net assets at that date were

E26 million. Stagecoach, which is based in Perth, said profit at the units could be raised by investing in new vehicles and cost economies in fuel, spare parts and insurance resulting

Stagecoach made record pre-tax profits of £32.6 million in the year ending March 31, 1995. The company's shares rose 3p to 345p yesterday.

Stagecoach has been referred to the Office of Fair

Trading (OFT) more than 20 times, although the OFT has found against it in only two

Stagecoach now controls 14 per cent of the total UK bus market and also has operations abroad.

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SIR Rocco Forte stepped up his battle for Forte's independence yesterday by buying 3.9 million Forte shares in his own name.

The Forte chief executive borrowed almost £15 million to finance the transaction, paying an average price of 376p for the shares. He will not sell them to Granada, which has a £3.8 billion hostile offer for Forte closing on

Monday.

Although Sir Rocco's purchases represent only a tiny fraction of the issued share capital. Forte thinks every little bit will help in the expectation that the victor will win by a narrow margin. Forte shares closed at 376p, down 5½p while Granada closed at 694p, down 2p.

In other developments, Granada said it

intended to sell the rump of Forte to a single buyer after transfering its restaurants and budget hotels to a Granada subsidiary if the offer succeeds. The move is designed to avoid a hefty capital gains tax on the disposal of Forte's luxury hotels. Details of Granada's plans to sell more Forte assets emerged as both sides held their

unlikely that Forte can remain independent if MAM votes in Granada's favour.

Granada and Forte refused to comment on their meetings yesterday with Carol Galley, MAM's vice-chairman, and her financial advisers, as did MAM. Ms Galley is expected to reveal on Monday whether MAM will support Granada again.

If Granada transferred Forte's roadside

restaurants, catering operations, motorway service sites and budget hotels to a Granada subsidiary shortly after the bid closes, Forte would then consist of the Meridien, Grand and Exclusive international hotel chains. Granada would then sell these chains to a

single buyer for about £1.6 billion. Granada expects to avoid capital gains because it would be, in effect, selling Forte for a much lower price than the £3.8 billion it is paying

Forte has said that Granada's plan "could create tax problems for any shareholders accepting the bid. But Granada appears confident that its tax-avoidance scenario will succeed. Henry Staunton, finance director, final meeting with Mercury Asset Manage-ment, the fund manager that owns about 15 per cent of Forte. The City thinks it is highly said: "Forte is wrong. We will sell the bulk of the hotels in one transaction with no tax



Carol Galley yesterday met both

Dutch unlikely to bail out Fokker

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent Monday to decide Daimler's business and Fokker under a

THE prospect of Fokker surviving as a standalone aircraft builder looked slim last night. Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, said it was "completely unthinkable" that his Government, a minority shareholder, would stump up the 3 billion guilders (£1.2 billion) demanded by Daimler-Benz as a contribution a rescue.

The supervisory board of

Daimler-Benz, the German in-

cent of Fokker, will meet on

dustrial giant that owns 51 per BAe's Avro and Jeistream

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next move. Industry sources expect Daimler to approach Aero International Regional, jointly owned by British Acrospace, Aerospatiale of France and Alenia of Italy, with a view to merging Fokker's business with AIR. That would bring about the long-awaited unification of

craft makers, combining

lines, the French-Italian ATR

Ultimately, AIR would slim its operation to a single range of aircraft. Such a move would be complicated by the need for Daimler to make massive financial write-offs, possibly exceeding £1 billion. Mr Kok and Hans Wijers, the Dutch Economic Affairs Minister, were set to meet Europe's leading regional air-

Jürgen Schrempp, the chair-

reach a deal on the rescue. In single marketing umbrella. spite of a march by many of Fokker's 7,900 workers on the Dutch parliament in The Hague earlier in the day, Dutch commentators said the Government could not save the jobs at such a high price.
Thousands more jobs in

Britain depend upon Fokker's survival. Wings for two of its jets are made by Short Brothers in Belfast, and the aircraft man of Daimler, again last are powered by Tay engines night in a final attempt to from Rolls-Royce in Derby.



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Granada's hidden agenda on Forte

City yesterday, not because yours truly was about to pen his column. but because the outcome of the City's most controversial takeover bid of the Nineties was in the

process of being decided. It was no secret that Sir Rocco Forte, defender of the Forte empire, and Gerry Robinson, chairman designate of Granada, faced a mutual date with destiny in the shape of their respective tete-àtetes with Carol Galley and her colleagues at Mercury Asset Man-agement. With MAM holding 15 per cent tranches of both Forte and Granada the popular view is that whichever way Ms Galley votes will almost certainly decide the issue. The popular view is probably correct. That said, neither party is leaving anything to chance, witness Forte's love-in with private shareholders at the Grosvenor House earlier this week

sort of hush fell over the and attempts by Granada's camp to seduce the same species over the telephone.

> Those of you who suffer this column on a regular basis will be under no illusion as to my own perspective on this £3.8 billion charade. I have been scribbling long enough to take the view (for right or wrong) that certain corporate practices should not be encouraged. Such practices include highly leveraged takeovers and asset stripping exercises. Granada's proposals to acquire Forte just

> happen to encompass both. Mr Robinson's grand plan is to create a conglomerate with £4 billion of debt. In order to bring gearing down from some 250 per cent to nearer 70 per cent. Granada will embark on a sale of more than £2 billion worth of Forte's hotel assets at prices unlikely to be enhanced by the fact that potential

This tortuous piece of financial engineering is designed to leave Granada with the aspects of Forte that it actually intends to operate, namely the Travelodge and Posthouse hotel chains, along with the Little Chef. Happy Eater and Cote France roadside restaurants.

Those with long memories will recall that an asset stripping exercise of this scale puts to shame the activities of the satellite companies that orbited the ill-fated Slater Walker Securities in the Sixties and early Seventies.

You suspect I exaggerate? You imagine I have succumbed to a little colourful journalese? Not a bit of it. What is chilling about an exercise of this nature is that the City is fully aware of the score. Permit me to quote from a circular issued by Kleinwort Benson yesterday: "The terms of the revised offer have brought the hidden agenda into the open. The accusations of asset stripping can no



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longer be denied with the planned disposals outlined in the revised offer four times the initial level stated..."Kleinwort's circular continues: "In this context it can be deduced that Granada's bid for Forte has very little to do with its perceived desire or talent to manhas higher quality earnings de-rived from growing and expand-ing businesses and earnings per share growth of more than double the rate of Granada. Granada needs both."

Irrespective of this, Kleinwort Benson's advice is that Granada's offer is "a fair one" and that investors should "crystallise that

I am not. I hasten to add. opposed to hostile takeover bids in principle. I merely hold a few oldfashioned views, one of which is that it is infinitely preferable for predatory companies to possess the resources to mount takeovers than to achieve such acquisitions via the creation of a debt mountain. GEC, with a cash surplus of £2.5 billion, was manifestly capable of acquiring VSEL, the submarine manufacturer, last year and duly did so. Granada does not enjoy such resources and its take-

working on a plan to fix exchange rates between the

mark and franc bilaterally in a

mini-currency union. Senior British officials said

that the G7 is likely to express

satisfaction with the recovery

in the dollar against the yen, a

big issue last year. US officials

have gone out of their way this

week to express support for a stronger dollar. However, the

G7 is still likely to be per-turbed by the continued slug-

gishness of economic activity

in Japan as well as signs that

the US economy has flagged.

Jean Arthuis, France's Fi-

nance Minister, said that he

would be pushing the G7 hard

to mutually support growth.

financial engineering exercise that is reminiscent of the corporate takeover excesses of the Eighties. Who were the financial clowns

of the Eighties who were ultimately responsible for the sort of corporate megalomania associated with the late Robert Maxwell, who requires no introduction. John Ashcroft, of Coloroll, and John Gunn, who drove British & Commonwealth on to the rocks? Look no further than the clearing banks.

Now, in an era when highly leveraged deals were perceived to be an anachronism, the clearers are encouraging precisely the same sort of corporate activity that cust them so dearly during the last recession. Those who should take a bow over the Granada-Forte affair include ABN Amro, BZW and Chemical Bank.

Granada has spent the thick end of £400 million snapping up close on 10 per cent of Forte's stock. The Forte family, for its part, holds

close on 8 per cent of the equity and Sir Rocco, determined to put his money where his defensive strategy is, purchased some 3.9 million Forte shares yesterday at an average price of 376p.

Whitbread, led by chief executive Peter Jarvis, spent yesterday cajoling City institutions, its £1 billion proposed purchase of For-te's restaurant and budget hotel operations being dependent on Granada's offer failing. Directors of Whitbread are understood to have considered market purchases of a defensive stake in Forte but have not, as yet, taken the plunge. The deadline is set for ipm on Tuesday. Before then, word has it that at least one question will be raised in Westminster as to wheth-

er the Government intends to permit corporate raiders to use the device of special dividends, payable by the target company, to partially finance takeovers at con-

Somerfield margin up

SOMERFIELD, the super-market chain that used to trade as Gateway, pushed up its margin by 0.8 points as its programme of store conversions continued apace. The chain, which is expected to seek a stock market listing shortly, has completed half of its conversions with nearly 300 supermarkets now using

The company, in its first interim report, improved pretax profits 44 per cent to £24.2 November II as its converted stores started to feed in. Debt has also been whittled down. from £465.9 million at the previous year end to £398.8 million. The group does, however, expect profits to grow at a lower rate in the second half.

HIGH RATE OF INTEREST.

THE CONVENIENCE

Kuwaitis launch bid for BI

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

and investment company yes-terday launched a £96 million takeover bid for BI, the Mid-

lands engineer.

National Industries Co
(NIC) is offering 132p a share
in a bid agreed with the BI board — a premium of 20 per cent over the closing price of

BI, formerly known as Bromsgrove International, has engineering, plastics and

cent of the Bl capital. The company is quoted in Kuwait. valued at £300 million and made £40 million in profits last year. NIC's main activities include building products and investments. It is 23 per cent owned by the Kuwaiti Investment Authority.

Robert Kottritsch, chief general manager of NIC, said: "BI fits with our strategic growth. We have common interests in the Gulf but the purchase will also allow NIC to diversify its interests."

BI yesterday revealed profits of £4.4 million, up 21 per cent, on a turnover of £62.2 million, up 17 per cent, for the There is no dividend.

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

CONCERN about the flagging world economy is likely to dominate discussion at today's meeting of the Group of Seven industrialised countries in Paris, but the background is marginally more optimistic after rate cuts around Europe. But finance ministers and central bankers from the seven nations — the US, Japan, Germany. France, Britain, Canada and Italy - are not expected to issue a communi-

qué and little concrete is

expected to be decided. Stagnating continental European economies are likely to be a big talking point, with the German Economics Ministry saying yesterday that the economy probably contracted in the final quarter of the year. The difficulties of low growth is making the process of cutting budget deffcits in order to prepare for monetary union by 1999 even likely to take centre stage at

Monday's meeting of Euro-



Arthuis: wants G7 support

pean Union finance ministers. Some of the gloom has been alleviated in advance, with successive cuts in the German repurchase rate and hopes that official German rate cuts will soon be sanctioned by the Bundesbank.

Other subjects on the agen-da today will be continuing In addition, France, Britain and The Netherlands all cut discussion on surveillance of rates this week, helping to economies by the Internationreinforce the perception in al Monetary Fund as well as financial markets that the the challenge of unemployfiscal stranglehold on Europe

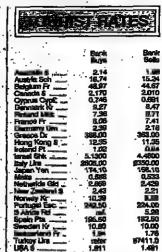
Customers cautious on life products BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

DEMAND for life and pen-sions products is still subdued and there is little indication of much improvement in sales this year. United Friendly, the life insurer, said yesterday. George Mack, finance di-

rector, said there was "no reason to be wildly optimistic" about prospects for 1996, because adverse publicity sur-rounding the mis-selling of personal pensions meant the average consumer still does

not feel ready to buy. His comments contradicted predictions from Allied Dunoar, which forecast "growth in 1996", and other rival insurers who suggested new business had appeared to pick up towards the end of last year. Total new life and pensions

annual premiums at United Priendly last year were 17 per cent down at £27.9 million (£33.6 million), while Allied Dunbar, which also announced new business figures, said its sales had fallen 15 per cent. Some life companies have balanced a fall in sales with the launch of equity bonds. Both United Friendly and Allied Dunbar said they had steered away from such products, fearing the Inland Revenue was about to clamp



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Countdown to crisis: Last days of Maxwell's empire

Melvyn Marckus charts the progress

of the team hunting the missing millions

rom his eighth-floor office at Arthur Andersen's Surrey Street headquarters in the City. John Talbot, masterminding recovery operations, enjoyed a clear view of Maxwell House. He looked up from his desk and wairhed, horrified, as one of his precious assets took off and vanished into the clouds. Fearing a hijack, the speed of Talbor's descent to his colleague's office was worthy of an Olympic sprinter.

The recovery of the Maxwell assets began on a relatively uneventful afternoon at the firm's 120-strong corporate recovery department. Most desks had been cleared and employees were departing into the dusk of Surrey Street, which slopes down towards the Thames. At 6pm, Martin Fishman, a partner, received a phone call from Talbot, head of the division. Talbot's message was concise. A major assignment was in the air. Staff were to be corralled pending his return. The date: Monday, December 2, 1991.

Talbot duly appeared at 7pm. Waiting for him were Fishman and two senior managers, Peter Tuch and Paul Horn. Confidentiality letters were signed and Talbot broke the news. Anderseo had been instructed to draw up a contingency plan for Robert Maxwell Group and Headington Investments, the twin pillars of the late Robert Maxwell's private empire. Action depended on whether Maxwell's sons, Kevin and Ian, could raise the £350 million rumoured to be required to shore up their tottering inheritence.

Although Talbot had met the Maxwell brothers earlier that day, his information was sketchy. All four accountants were aware of the well publicised problems that Maxwell's disparate empire faced but the quartet had no inkling of the scale of the crisis that would shortly unfold. The project arrived complete with a pre-determined code name Russett - and Talbot and his colleagues set to work. Various reports had been prepared by Coopers & Lybrand, Maxwell's traditional auditors, primarily for the benefit of company directors who were busy sweet talking the

banks. As the night wore on, the accountants experienced their first insight into the spider-web-like complexity of Max-well's business legacy. Coopers & Lybrand's reports showed that the publishing magnate's private interests embraced more than 400 diversified entities, which stretched from the UK and the Continent to Australia and the US. Under Talbot's direction, Maxwell's mysterious empire was broken down into units, with notes made alongside principal subsidiaries. At 2am, Talbot agreed to call it a day, the proviso being an early reunion hours later.

Finger drumming was fashionable after the reunion, with the course of events uncertain. Would the banks choose to support Maxwell's interests or would operation "Russett" become a 'job'? Talbot and Fishman spearheaded operations, although Talbot, a highly experienced insolvency practitioner, spent much of the day locked in meetings with Coopers & Lybrand and the Maxwell duo. Horn started to wrestle with the "2.2 report" an accountancy statement and the affidavits which would accompany the petition for an Administration Order. Tuch toyed with strategy. Only limited access was available to Headington Investments and Robert Maxwell Group via Michael Stoney, the group's financial director. A feel for the size of the group.

had emerged but there was little comprehension of the seriousness of the Maxwell malaise until Talbot surfaced, yet again, from his external dialogues. This time, the news was of Krakaton proportions. Gross liabilities amounted to more than £1.4 billion. A black hole, at least £300 million deep, had been discovered in the private companies' pension funds. The man in the baseball cap had been a minus billimater.

True to custom, few of Arthur Andersen's staff had been briefed on the hush, hush drama. Some might have sensed that a corporation was in its death throes — if only because of the number of executives working behind closed doors — but they would not have known which enterprise Talbot & Co were zeroing m on.

Nor had Taibot, content to combine confidentiality with cost efficiency, called on more than a platoon at this stage. Sheafs of paper outlined the division of Maxwell's corporate ugli fruit into key segments. A "2.2 report" had been drafted and a briefing pack prepared to explain to non-insolvency staff how an administration works.

Early on Wednesday it became evident that Maxwell's
empire was destined to crash.
Finally, the banks reached
their verdict. It was a thombs
down to a refinancing: Maxwell's private interests were to
be thrown to the administrators. The banks' refusal of
support saw the directors of
Robert Maxwell Group and
Headington Investments duly
request Arthur Andersen to
petition for an administration.
The Big Wait was over.
"Russett" was a job.

A highly perceptible gear change took place on the eighth floor as crisp directives emanated from the prospective administrators: Talbot, Murdoch McKillop, Tony, Brierley and Fishman, Allen &



Talbot: led team

Overy, the City law firm, was called in to help draft the 2.2 report. Talbot and McKillop spent much of the day huddled with Coopers, in the City, and the Maxwell brothers — still technically instructing Arthur Andersen — at Maxwell House. Details of Maxwell's corporate collection started to

heiped by some of the quaint language adopted by Maxwell's managers. Various assets and liabilities were referred to in terms of £5 or £10. This, Talbot and his colleagues discovered to their dismay, was Maxwellian shorthand for £5 million or £10.

Fishman focused on the "2.2 report" and the co-ordination of operations with Allen & Overy's contingent, which set up camp in Surrey Street. The campers, along with leading Counsel, worked on the petition into the twilight hours. More troops would be needed. Brierley and Tuch estimated the likely level of staffing and the required grades.

Brierley liased with David

and McKillop at Maxwell House. Corporate recovery specialists equate information to power and the information lay in Holborn not Surrey Street.

Midnight tolled an end to fact garnering before the following day's application to the Court for an Administration Order. Much had been gleaned but the data bank was still in the red. Drawing up basic balance sheets to show that

Haxby, managing partner of the London office, who agreed

to release as many staff,

including partners and man-

agers, as necessary. Brierley

and Tuch then joined Talbot

Order. Much had been gleaned but the data bank was still in the red. Drawing up basic balance sheets to show that Headington and RMG, Maxwell's two holding companies, were insolvent, proved a tortuous task for the bottom line brigade. Brierley worked into the night with the encamped lawyers, drafting and re-drafting the affidavits.

It had been agreed that

It had been agreed that Talbot and most of his prospective administrators would retire relatively early. Arthur Andersen's marzipan set encouraged their chiefs on this count, artfully emphasising the importance of sleep on the eve of being charged with one of the UK's largest-ever insolvencies.

s the senior manag-ers toiled, there was unanimous agreement, amid chuckles, about too many cooks spoiling 22 reports. Tuch, whose role was to co-ordinate the exercise. spent the dark hours putting the finishing touches to brief ing packs and amassing bundles of data on Maxwell's private companies in readiness for a 9 am session. Typists were in short supply at 4 am and Tuch and Horn argued more than once about priorities. By 6 am, the paperwork was complete. Time to wend homewards, shower,

change and return.
Thursday morning saw Talbot, McKillop and Fishman



McKillop administrator

finalising legal particulars in preparation for a provisional 10 am court hearing. The welltrodden path to co-ordinate and manage an operation of this scale was to split Maxwell's asset base into manageable entities and despatch separate teams - made up of insolvency and non-insolvency specialists - to each satellite: a sort of moonwalk specifically designed for insolvency practitioners. Major problems loomed. Even if Talbot obtained Administration Orders over RMG and Headington. this would only yield control of the operating subsidiaries

Such limited control would not give the administrators the authority to enter premises and hold talks with management. One of the arts of administration, once access has been gained, is to develop a relationship with, and work alongside, ongoing management. Andersen's managers were instructed to:

through share stakes.

☐ Extract information
☐ Work out how much cash was required for survival
☐ Identify problems with



☐ Form a view on the competence and integrity of local management. ☐ Determine a strategy for

disposing of the business.

A press blackout was imposed. Because Talbot would only be operating as a shareholder there was little that could be said to reassure thousands of worried employees. A letter aimed at boistering employees' morale was drafted for each team. Maxwell's interests had been divided into the following groups:

| London & Bishopsgate;
| British International Hel-

icopters;

AGB;

Israeli interests;

Eastern European newspaper interests;

Sundry Eastern European

☐ The European;
☐ Property interests;
☐ Group assets and investments;
☐ African interests:

☐ Computer software companies.

Brierley and Tuch presided over Thursday's meeting and

executives through each of the

It had been agreed that, once the Administration Order was granted, a team would fly to Israel. The choice was Alan Katz, a partner at Arthur Andersen's Leeds office, who brought his own team, including lawyers, to

Horn was destined for the US, where he would liase with Kevin Maxwell and attempt to clarify the situation at the New York Daily News, Thomas Cook Travel Inc and London & Bishopsgate US, one of Maxwell's investment arms.

A tax team, led by Nicholas Woolf, had been created to move in on Maxwell's tax specialists. Talbot joined the gathering at around 10 am; the court hearing having been delayed. At 11.15 am, after the meeting broke up, Talbot, McKillop, Brierley and Tuch strode purposefully towards the Royal Courts of Justice. Back at Surrey Street, the teams kicked their heels.

No discussions were permit-

ted with colleagues outside "Russett", let alone the blacked-out fourth estate. There had been no leak of the pending administration and the insolvency quartet was surprised to discover that a bank creditor had instructed Counsel to attend the hearing. The bank wanted to sell certain shares held as security. After taking advice. Talbot agreed, but reserved rights to future action should ownership of the shares be disputed. The hearing proved swift. By lunchtime, the Gang of Four had been appointed joint administrators to Maxwell's corporate conundrum. Back at the Surrey Street ranch, a press release was drafted and teams despatched to various locations. Talbot, not renowned for letting time, let alone an asset, slip through his fingers, proposed an immediate assault on Maxwell

over the media tycoon's failen empire. For once, Talbot was overruled. Those who had left Surrey Street at 6 am insisted that the march on Holborn required fortification: tactics were debated in Arthur AnderNews that £300 million had vanished from Maxwell pension funds and that Maxwell's private companies owed the MGN/MCC "twins" a further £300 million, had broken two days earlier. The mega personal transfer from Maxwell pensions and the second pensions of the second pensions o

Gulfstreamed around the world in search of newspapers and power, had been exposed as a mega pretender. Now, his private interests, including The European, the Daily News, AGB, the market research specialist, and minority investments in Newspaper Publishing, owners of The Independent, and Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, had crashed. Maxwell House was surrounded by reporters and camera crews when Talbot and his cohorts

Chaos outside, chaos inside.
Access was effectively limited to the 6th and 7th floors, which housed Maxwell's private operations in contrast to his publicly quoted — albeit share frozen — interests in Maxwell Communication Corporation and Mirror Group Newspapers. Staff were few and far between.

Telephones rang non-stop, courtesy of a frantic press, unconsolable creditors and be-wildered managers of trading subsidiaries. Talbot and others departed to host a press conference at the City's Chartered Insurance Institute. McKillop was entrenched at AGB's headquarters. Fishman was installed at The European opposite Maxwell House in Fetter Lane where Tuch was left to organise the central team.

y close of play, some of Talbot's platoons would be in place at most of the operational locations in the UK, while others had flown to the United States, Hungary, Germany and Israel.

The chunk of meat that Talbot fed to the Maxwell-baying media was that creditors were owed £1.4 billion, of which £800 million was owed to the banks. He refused to put a value on the assets other than to confirm that they were "significantly" less than the liabilities. By far the most important asset was the 51 per cent stake (which turned out to be nearer 55 per cen) in MGN.

Speculation, which the administrators would not be drawn into, had it that MGN (plundered in pension fund and elsewhere) might be worth £300 million, against £500 million based on its suspension price. Maxwell's "private side" officially held a 68 per cent stake in the ailing MCC, which, at suspension, was capitalised at £226 million.

Anatomy of an Administration continues on Monday





Gains overturned by election date rumours

rumours swirled around the City, ranging from another big bid in the pipeline to talk of an early general election.

An early push to record highs was shortlived as initial gains were reversed by a futures-inspired sell-off and spurious City rumours that the Prime Minister was about to announce a date for the general election. Seasoned traders doubted the rumours from the start, suggesting that the stories may have been put about by some who are short of stock.

Strong overnight gains in New York saw the FT-SE 100 index open up 18.7 points to touch a new intra-day record high of 3,767.4. But the rise was reversed as political litters and an expiry of the January futures unscaled the cash market and prompted some profit-taking.

A positive start on Wall Street helped to settle inves-tors nervous in volatile trading ahead of triple-witching. where the expiry of options and futures coincide. The FT-SE 100 index closed down 0.3 at 3.748.4, giving a 91.1 point advance on the week. Second-liners did better yesterday, with the FT-SE 250 closing up 15.4 at 4.073.6. for a rise of 49 points on the week. Volume

reached 753.8 million shares. London's late recovery was further fuelled by market talk of an imminent bid for a FTSE stock, with those mentioned as favourites including Cable and Wireless, up 6p at 462p, Ladbroke, lp firmer at 165p, and British Gas. 12p softer at 252p. on volume of 10.14 million shares.

British Aerospace put in another strong performance, with its shares ending 112p higher at 876p on Eurolighter order hopes and recent broker recommendations.

Rolls-Royce, seen as another beneficiary from the Eurofighter programme, eased 12 p to 201p, but Smiths Industries added 512 p to 655p. lifted by reports of a Kleinwort Benson recommendation. On the bid front, the majority of City analysts appeared to be backing Granada to emerge the victor in its £3.8 billion takeover battle for control of Forte, the hotels group, when the bio closes on Tuesday.

Mercury Asset Manage ment, the fund manager that Forte, will play a key role in the bid's outcome, with both

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The broadcasting sector was the focus of much attention

parties making crucial presentations to MAM yesterday. It also emerged that Sun Life Investment Management sold 8.75 Forte ordinary shares, at 385p each, on Thursday, cutting its holding 0.01 per cent.

Forte fell 5½ p to 376p, on volume of 26.56 million shares, while Granada, which has a 9.9 per cent stake in

Forte, dipped 2p to 694p.

future co-operation which could lead to Carnival acquiring a stake of less than 30 per cent in Airtours.

On the profits warning front, it was the turn of Austin Reed to upset the City. Shares in the upmarket clothing group fell lip to ISID after the company said that slug-gish autumn and winter trading is expected to result in

Global Group was unchanged at 172p in spite of suggestions that the food to shipping services company may mount a bid for Sims Foods, which was steady at 38p, after Sims disposes of its red meat operations to a management buyout team.

Staying with bids, Lloyds Chemists added 8p to 409p amid vague talk that Gehe, the German healthcare group which bought AAH last year, may mount a counter-offer to Thursday's agreed £540 million bid from UniChess, up 2p at 260's p.

Shares in Airtours surged to 455p, before settling 33p higher at 433p after the tour operator said it was in discussions with Carnival Corp. the

halved pre-tax profits for the current year of between £3 million and E3.5 million. compared with E7.1 million previously, although the final dividend should be maintained at 4p. Like-for-like sales were flat and margins fell by 3

BOC Group gained 18p to 917p after an upbeat annual meeting helped the shares in the industrial gases to healthcare group to build on US cruise ship company, over an early rise inspired by a

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The broadcasting sector was the focus of attention ahead of next week's debate on the Broadcasting Bill, which may prompt a further rationalsation in the media industry. Yorkshire-Type Tees stood out with a 37p rise to 759p. while HTV added 18p to 318p. Ulster TV rose 45p to £11.23, Border TV gained 12p to 261p and Grampian climbed 3p to

advance, with the Far Eastern issues reflecting positive broker comment and a 228-point jump in the Hang Seng index in Hong Kong. HSBC added 23½p to £10.76, but Standard Chartered, seen as a takeover target, was the star performer with a 28p jump to 618p. additionally boosted as James Capel reiterated its buy recommendation and upgraded its profit forecasts. Capel has raised its 1995 forecast from £599 million to £656 million, with 1996's estimate increased from £700 million to £780

LPA Industries, the USMquoted components company, surged 8p to 42p after a jump in full-year profits. BI Group leapt 20p to 130p after the specialist engineering group accompanied higher interim profits with a recommended 196.3 million takeover offer, worth 132p a share, from National Industries, a Kumanufacturing

Mitte Group, the building maintenance company, ad vanced to 327p before ending lp easier at 323p after improved margins and new contracts helped the group, which supplies services to property owners and occupiers, to unveil a better than expected 38 per cent advance in first-half profits in spite of competitive

conditions. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Gilts failed to hold on to early gains inspired by stronger US treasuries and firmer bunds. The March long gilt future ended 10 ticks lower at £1123 32, on volume of 71,000 contracts traded. Among conventional stocks, losses stretched to £4 among longer-dated issues, but index-linked stocks added

nearly £4.

NEW YORK: higher at midday after better than expected earnings by Microsoft and IBM. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 28.90 at 5,153,25.

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Flying with clipped wings

been at an all-time high this month and dropped just 2p yesterday to 519p on news that the airline will not increase its USAir stake.

As part of a series of manocuvres to increase its world coverage and give it more clout against the other big international airlines, BA invested \$400 million in 1993 to buy a 24.6 per cent stake in USAir. It seemed like a good idea at the time but fierce competition in the US domestic market and the need to draw up stronger agreements with the trade unions led to a writedown of half the value of the stake last year.

British Airways had earlier threatened that it would make no further increase in its USAir investment until USAir's financial position improved. But under the original deal with

GIVEN British Airways' struggle to expand worldwide, it is a wonder that the shares have \$200 million by January 21 this year and another \$250 million by January 21 1998. Subject to approval by the US BA would have enjoyed "improved governance provisions".

BA made it clear yesterday that it did not

expect that the US authorities would have approved the stake increases. BA appears to have suffered from stalled freedom of the skies talks between the British and American Governments. America will not raise the ceiling on stakes in airlines held by non-American companies and Britain refuses to allow unlimited access to Heathrow. All of this leaves British Airways a global alliance or two short of what it sees as ideal and issuing a tame statement yesterday, welcoming hard man Stephen Wolf as the new chairman and chief executive of USAir.

Stagecoach

ANYONE who thought that winning the South West Trains franchise last month would slow Stagecoach's ambitions has been swiftly proved wrong by yesterday's purchase of the Devon General and Bayline local bus

This time Stagecoach is sure it is safe with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and Office of Fair Trading, but the company has a count of OFT investigations that runs to more than 20.

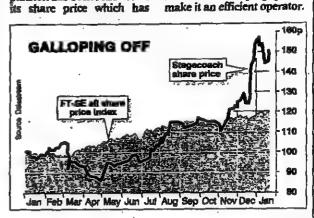
Although South West Trains operates from Lond-on Waterloo as far as Exeter, Stagecoach's nearest bus operation to its two new Devon businesses is in Hampshire.

The company is adamant that considering its size (it controls 14 per cent of the UK bus market it has not had a disproportionale number of MMC and OFT referrals relating to bus companies. Stagecoach, founded in

1980 and floated in 1993, has experienced remarkable growth and believes there are enough blank spaces left on the map for it to continue growing. Its successful exnsion has been reflected in

climbed from a low last April of 197p to 345p. The company, which the

MMC last year notoriously accused of "predatory and deplorable" behaviour, may be aggressive, but bus users have received some benefits: the company is a major investor in new vehicles and its size and buying power



Cambridge

UNDER the dreaming spires and alongside the college halls flows a wealth of water from Cambridge's rivers and underground sources.

But it has taken until now for Cambridge Water, which was a loyal supporter of the statutory scheme, to realise the full potential of the natural resource on which Cambridge stands. Plans to convert to a public limited company, however, follow the pattern of other small water companies, even if Cambridge is a little later than most.

The change of status will carry it into an arena in which it can take a more active part in the industry that has changed considerably since the day of statutory water companies. It is not impossible that competition be on the horizon.

The prospects of a competitive water industry are not

DOLLAR RATES

plexity of the process of opening up pipelines to competition. But that has not stopped electricity and gas proceeding along that course. The DTI and Oftwat are currently discussing the possibilities of introducing competition into the water

industry. Cambridge will be able to participate in such a water race as a plc. It will also have greater scope to negotiate credit, raise its profile and put a price on itself. The dreaming spires are clearly awakening to a new world.

BI, the engineering group, has never had a very happy relationship with the stock market. So it is no surprise to find the board rushing to accept the embrace of the company's Eastern suitor, Kuwait, and end its chaotic relationship with the market.

A premium of 20 per cent on Bl's pre-offer closing price is not exactly generous. But shareholders who have witnessed BI's erratic history will conclude the price is just about fair.

BI's share price has never regained the dizzy heights reached in the late 80s and as recently as last April the shares were languishing at 79p, a full 50 per cent below the bid price.

The company has always been a dedicated follower of market fashion. A few years back when conglomerates were all the rage. Bl fancled joining the big league and went acquisition crazy. Now that conglomerates are out of vogue, BI has hopped on the back-to-basics bandwagon and divested all its non-core

operations. its performance over the past couple of years has improved, but tucked away in yesterday's interim results were being squeezed. Sharehard done by in accepting the

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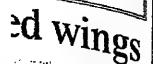
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Loyal customers left in the lurch

Anne Ashworth and Karen Zagor on savers excluded from the distribution of free shares

content among certain longstanding customers who will not benefit from the forthcoming stock-market flotation of the Woolwich Building Soci-ety. Also aggrieved are cus-tomers of the Alliance & Leicester Building Society. Although the A&L, the fourthlargest society, has yet so armounce the details of its conversion plans, certain groups already know that they will be excluded from the free share distribution.

The grievances of those who see themselves arbitrarily shut out from the four-fgure payouts will increase the calls for societies intent on going public not to delay the publica-tion of their plans. The law allows societies to fix any date they wish as the flotation qualification cut-off date.

The date can also be announced retrospectively. But this can leave loyal customers in the lurch. The Woolwich

Current account.

■ DAVID SMITH of Avely, Essex, is another disappointed long-term Woolwich saver. Over 15 years the balance in his share

account has ranged from £2.81 to £5.248. But on December 31, he had only £20 in the

account, with another £136 in a Woolwich

"I have been wondering how many other long-term savers with the Woolwich are in a similar situation," he writes. "There must be

a lot of people who withdrew money from

concerns are not "carpetbag-gers", the term used by Peter Robinson, the Woolwich chief executive, to describe those who had recently opened accounts with the aim of profit-

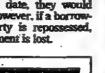
ing from the flotation largesse, but longstanding savers. As they told *The Times*, they had, for various reasons, not kept abreast of the rumours surrounding their society, or had, unwittingly, allowed their balances to fall below the £100 qualification limit.

While the Woolwich has no plans to rectify the situation of these disgruntled savers, it does plan to help investors who switched their Tessa savings into corporate bond Peps.
Those who held Tessa accounts and transferred to a Woolwich unit trust or Wool-wich life fund have until January 23 to come back to us and we will reinfranchise them," a spokeswoman said. The Woolwich is doing this because it had actively pro-

There is growing dis- savers who are voicing their moted the corporate bond Pep and Pepholders are not eligi-ble for building society membership under the building society rules.

It will also accept anyone who had a mortgage offer before December 31 who accepts that offer within three months and then completes, provided they are still horrowers at the time the society converts to a bank.

Those who have arrears on their mortgages will also bene-fit from the share distribution. Michael Coultas from Norwich believed that the £500 worth of arrears on his £42,500 mortgage would dis-qualify him, although he is working hard to reduce the debt. However, the Woolwich confirmed that, so long as a borrower owed more than \$100 at December 31, 1995, and remained a borrower on the conversion date, they would qualify. However, if a borrower's property is repossessed, the entitlement is lost.



become a bank the Woolwich is starting to act like one." The Woolwich said that building society rules prevented it from counting as members current account-holders, as well as those with deposit accounts and investors with Woolwich subsidiaries. There will be a statutory bonus for those in membership

their accounts in the run-up to Christmas to

buy gifts. It seems to me that in its rush to



Margaret Barnes closed her account two days after the society's cut-off date

THE LOYAL SAVER WHO MISSED OUT

■ MARGARET BARNES. from Reading, was prevented by a serious illness from following the gossip about the building society's plans to shed its mutual status (Karen

Zagor writes). On January 2, Mrs Barnes decided to close her Woolwich Prime Gold account, which she had held for 25 years, because of its declining re-turns. Unfortunately, only those who were qualifying savers and borrowers at December 31, 1995, and remain such until the flotation date will receive free shares. This news was not announced until January !!.

Mrs Barnes said: "Unlike the speculators so prominently mentioned in newspaper reports, we were not even aware that flotation was on the cards. As I have been seriously ill, these sorts of things have passed us by. We

did not even have the opportunity to leave a minimum of £100 in our account in order to qualify, even though we were qualifying members at the cut-

"I feel the Woolwich has been very negligent in protect-ing our position as loyal members. Once the cut-off date had been fixed, we should have been given the opportu-nity to maintain an account. Once the cut-off date had passed, there was no benefit to the Woolwich in keeping it secret; but much to be lost by loyal investors in the ensuing

few days."

A Woolwich spokeswoman said that the board made its final decision to convert on January 3. Because of the extensive paperwork involved in notifying 4.25 million mem-bers of its decision, the society waited until January II to

BRANCH CLOSURE HITS BONUS

AN elderly reader who prefers not to be named is barred from the share largesse by the closure of her branch. She shut her account in early January after 13 years with the society when she learnt that her branch, in Deal, Kent, was being closed on January 5. Accounts were to be moved to the

Ramsgate branch 14 miles away.

For a pensioner without a car, who used the account for small transactions, this was untenable. So she moved her funds to the Northern Rock, across the road.

She said: "There are many people like me in this district pensioners, who feel rather miffed at losing any bonuses

after many years with the society."

The Woolwich said: "The closing of branches and the decision to convert were not related at all. The branches were closed for good business reasons. We do try to take steps to keep customers with us, albeit they may have to travel further to a branch or deal with us by post."



Rodabe Rudin has fallen foul of Alliance & Leicester rules

accounts who are not eligible to vote. THE Alliance & Leicester this week closed its Bonus 90, Bonus 180, Keysaver, Midas

and Tessa share accounts which conferred membership rights and the right to benefit from the society's floration: The only accounts now open to new investors are deposit accounts which do not carry the rights. The distinction between a share and a deposit account is not always clear to One saver who has fallen

foul of this ruling is Rodabe Rudin from East Grinstead in Sussex. In December, Mrs Rudin, a town council facilities manager, received £3,000 in compensation for injuries she received in an accident. This was not sufficient to open a Bonus 90 or Bonus 180 account which both had a £5,000. minimum investment, This meant that she had to opt for Prime Deposit Account, a deposit account.

However, the branch promised that she could convert the Prime Deposit into a Bonus 90 or 180, as soon as she received the £2,700 proceeds from an endowment policy in January. Mrs Rudin called at the branch on Wednesday only to

be told that the share accounts were no longer available and that she could not transfer the cash from her Prime Deposit account into either of the share accounts. Mrs Rudin said "I felt shabbily treated, especially'as I had been assured that I could convert the account into a share account with a higher all-important membership rate of interest. My aim in opening the account was not to benefit from the flotation but to find a home for two windfalls. I was given no indication

that the deposit account did not carry membership rights." The Alliance & Leicester said any customer now transferring between accounts would lose their membership status. The only exception were savers who moved the proceeds of their matured taxexempt special savings accounts (Tessas) into a new Tessa. The branch had not lied to Mrs Rudin, as in December it would have been possible to switch from a denosit account to a share account.

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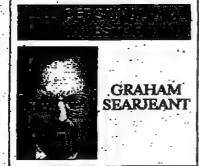
It's good to stay in control

A fiter the Hauma was use with wich, Alliance & Leicester and Britannia may join a queue of building societies determined to convert the what kind of ples into quoted ples. But what kind of ples do their members, the potential future shareholders, want them to be?

These societies are unlikely to reach the stock market for eighteen months. But now is the time for them to think through whether they want to ape Abbey National now just like most other banks, or to become a different kind of company that carries advan-tages of plc status but retains some of the character of building societies. Conversion distributes a capital windfall today, but creates an obliga-

tion to pay dividends on that capital in future. Members suddenly find concrete evidence that they were stakeholders in their societies all along, even if most did not realise it. As shareholders, many may want to cash in, say thanks for the memory and revert to the status of just depositor or borrower. As many millions may wish to keep

that newly realised stake and even to exercise rights attached to it, such as voting on the policies of the board and the pay and perks of top management. If societies follow the pattern of privatised companies, such as British Gas, most shares and all power will end up in the hands of City fund managers. Directors will then pander to City culture, which values massive share options for bosses and mass firing of employees. They will ignore small investors, whose opinions vary unpredictably on such matters, as a tedious,



impotent nuisance. That City control can be good for financial performance. Feeling institutional barons breathing down their necks gives managers a great incentive to guard cash flow and keep it flowing to investors.

If members still want to stay in charge, they could press for constitutions that stop the barons elbowing them aside. For once, they are in a position to insist. It only needs rules that prevent any one holder or agent from voting more than I per cent (or 10. per cent or 0.1 per cent) of the capital. You could even limit dividend rights similarly. And to stop management becoming takeover-proof, you could allow a simple numerical majority of shareholders to remove the restrictions, or automatically enfranchise any bidder who secures more than 60 per cent acceptances. There are lots of variations if the will is there.

What of those managers, who are well placed to manipulate the passage

a future takeover of the business, and options and contract terms that would make that pay them well. They may want to use the quotation to expand the group by acquisition, and be anxious to play by the rules of the fund barons who could most reliably back future share issues. Or they might want to keep the character of the society in plc form, doubtless including the tradition of ignoring members' wishes.

Members should therefore expect their managers to tell them that only conversion to a conventional. Citycontrolled pic is possible, practical or sensible. This is what their City advisers, brokers and fund managers will tell them. Norwich Union, the insurance group that will convert from mutual to plc, is itself a top baron.

O uch advice is wrong. There is nothing in Stock Exchange listing O rules, or in guidelines from the Institutional Shareholders Committee to prevent small shareholders setting rules to stop City barons taking control Some will vote with their feet and boycott the shares, but not many if all societies adopt similar rules. Only if the board plans to issue lots of new shares for acquisitions - rarely a good idea for investors — are the barons needed.

There is always a price to play. Any restriction that limits potential market demand for a company's shares will affect their price. Members and managers should weigh that carefully against the value of control before they decide what shape their flotations should take.

Bounty hunters' bonus bonanza

B ounty hunters searching for bonuses from the next building society merger or stock market floretime to the stock market floretime. stock market flotation have poured into the Alliance & Leicester, Britannia, Bristol & West and Bradford & Bingley building societies in recent months. The influx has been so great that the Britannia and Alliance & Leicester both stopped accepting new customcrs this week for accounts that confer membership status.

Although A&L is still paying lip-service to mutuality, the move was seen widely as a harbinger to a flotation announcement. Shortly before the Woolwich revealed its flotation plans last week, it closed its doors to new depositors who were opening accounts at a rate of 15,000 a day. Those who rushed to open accounts to get a bonus — dubbed "carpet-baggers by the Woolwich's chief executive will have been thwarted; the cut-off date for eligibility for a Woolwich bonus was Decem-

The Building Societies Commission has said

NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL

As part of the takeover offer from Abbey National bank, which itself converted from a building society in 1989, qualifying National & Provincial borrowers and savers of less than two year's standing at December 31, 1995 will get £500 in Abbey National shares.

Those who have saved for more than two years will get £750, which they can take in cash or shares. They will also get extra eash or shares in proportion to their savings. The amount is expected to be at least 5 per cent of savings. Provided N&P members approve the offer, the deal is expected to be completed by the end of this summer. The share distribution should follow shortly afterwards, and new shareholders who want to cash in can expect access to a dedicated sharedealing service. Vulue of takeover offer: E1.35bn. N&P Helpline: 0345 697349.

CITY & METROPOLITAN

Stroud & Swindon started the year by announcing the takeover of City & Metropolitan. Qualifying City & Metropolitan savers will get a 550 bonus, plus the lower of 5 per cent of their balance on November 30, 1995 or April 18, 1996. The top payout will be £2,500 on savings

Potential gain for members: E5 million. CBM Helpline: 0345 045012.

NATIONWIDE

The Nationwide, now the second biggest building society, will become the biggest once the Halifax converts. It is substantial enough to become a plc in its own right, but has said it intends to retain its mutuality. It may, however, prove an attractive takeover target itself for one of the big banks. The Nationwide is not believed to be hunting for other societies to acquire.

Potential gains for members: E5 billion.

FORTE

As the countdown continues to the close of Granada's bid for Forte, investors stand to make a pretty penny. At the time Granada made its offer. Forte shares were 275p.

Granada's offer, revised last week, added a special dividend of 47p per share and included four new Granada shares and £23.25 in cash for every 15 Forte. The revised Granada offer values Forte at 388p (at trading close on January IS), or 362p a share for the all-cash offer.

Snarenoiders will have to weigh up whether this is better than Forte's move to elicit shareholder loyalty. This includes an £800 million Forte share buyback and distribution of Savoy sharesat between 330p and 400p, and a pledge to raise its final dividend by 21 per cent this year, and for dividend increases of at least 20 per cent a year for three years. Under the buyhack, shareholders will receive £84 gross for every 100 shares, plus £23 of Savoy shares and a continuing interest in the new Forte of 79 shares. The increase would lift Forte's dividend to at least 14.69p net for 1998-99. Both Granada and Forte will lift the investor Gold Card discount to 12.5 per cent. Private investors will not benefit from any tax credits.

Helplines: Granada, 0171 490 5200 Forte: 0800 468 602

Karen Zagor on the ramifications of the headlong rush into building societies that could very soon add £17 billion to the pockets of consumers

societies have free rein to choose a below the societies to the headlong and marketing without losing their independence.

While consumers are betting on more merger activity in the new year, Mr Thomas expects a period of calm. He says: "Members now expect a period of calm. He says: "Members now expect to get money from a merger, but the

societies have free rein to choose a payout qualifying date. When the A&L follows the Woolwich's lead and converts from a building society to a publicly held bank, the proportion of adults in the UK benefiting from a windfall merely by being qualifying members of a building society will reach about 45 per cent. adding about £17 billion to consumers' pockets. according to Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Europe. Mr Briscoe's estimate includes the one million members of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society who have already received an average bonus of £2,200 each from the takeover by Lloyds Bank.

When the dust settles, the building society

sector will be a lot smaller. Of the top six wide will be the only society left that is big enough to convert. This leaves merger as the main option for smaller societies looking to can cut their overheads, making it easier to while remaining committed to mutuality.

a society to distribute up to 5 per cent of its assets to members if they agree to a merger. The increase from 1 per cent makes it more

societies in terms of assets in 1995, only the Nationwide will remain. Rob Thomas, building societies analyst at UBS, says the Nationexpand. By growing through merger, societies offer competitive mortgage and savings rates, New rules, which came in last October, allow



THE OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

Just as the takeover rumours surrounding the Bristol & West in recent months had started to die down, the society this week revived the speculation by lifting the minimum amount needed to open a membership-conferring account to £2500. Although the move was intended to deter bonanza hunters, it is bound

to have the opposite enect. Almost every society that has ended up merging or converting to ple status has started the ball rolling by raising the minimum amounts needed to open saving accounts or shutting out new savers from accounts that

confer membership status. A day later, Northern Rock followed Bristol & West, increasing the minimum opening investment in all share accounts to £2,500 from £250. Adam Applegarth, the society's general manager, said: "We have consistently said speculation may force us to take this step and for the time being the genuine small saver will be unable to open an account with Northern Rock. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to

return to a more sensible opening bulance." Bristol & West is regarded as the weakest of

the 20 top building societies. It is not in a strong enough position to convert on its own, but its lacklustre performance may make it an attractive takeover target. The society maintains that it has no plans to merge or convert. Other potential takeover or merger candidates on the speculation list include the Chelsea. Skipton, Lambeth, Scarborough, Coventry and National Counties. Gamblers are also betting that more mutual insurers will follow

Norwich Union's decision to float. Less likely candidates include the Britannia. Bradford & Bingley and the Yorkshire. The Britannia has led the pack in announcing plans to reward members by sharing profits with them rather than converting. It is big enough to

acquiresmaller societies. The Yorkshire has set minimum rates on savings accounts and is offering permanently discounted mortgages to give members more reasons to applaud mutuality. Meanwhile Northern Rock has started paying loyalty bonuses to long-term mortgage customers. But, as Halifax members can attest, protestations of eternal mutuality can come to naught.

now expect to get money from a merger, but the members of the acquiring society don't get anything, so there is always the possibility that a merger announcement would open the two societies to an unwelcome hostile approach. It was the N&P's abortive attempt to merge with the Leeds which ultimately led Abbey National to make its move. I imagine most societies will keep their heads down.

Outside the building society sector, picking company shares for their takeover potential can be lucrative, as holders of Forte shares can attest. But choosing takeover stocks is an inexact science and speculators run the risk of

HALIFAX

Members of the Halifax and Leeds Permanent building societies, which merged last August, are expected to get between £800 and £1,000 in shares when the now enlarged Halifax goes public, probably early next year.

Longer-standing members will get extra shares based on the size of their savings. If the first-named person on a joint mortgage or savings account dies before the flotation, the second named will receive the basic bonus, but not any additional variable distributions.

The exact value of the free share issue will be decided immediately before the flotation. The Halifax is believed to be considering a scheme that would guarantee members a minimum share price. Those under 18, or with less than £100 in their account, will get cash payments.

Potential gain for members: £8 hillion.

Members' helpline: 0800 88844.

ALLIANCE & LEICESTER

Alliance & Leicester, the fourth biggest building society, continues to be coy on the subject of flotation, but an announcement is believed to be imminent. It is expected that the Alliance & Leicester's plan will include paying qualifying savers an average of £900 in shares. Speculators can no longer open qualifying accounts at the Alliance & Leicester. Potential gains for members: £3 billion.

BRADFORD & BINGLEY

Bradford & Bingley is very committed to mutuality. To deter treasure-hunters, it set a mini-mum opening balance of £500 on its savings accounts last year. In the coming weeks, the society will announce a members benefits scheme, giving members a tangible taste of the society's profits. A spokesman said: "We have no intention of trying to convert or merge." Potential gains for members: £1.5 billion.

WOOLWICH

Woolwich members will have to wait a bit longer. The conversion of the third biggest building society into a publicly held bank and the associated stock market flotation is not experted before the end of next year. The flotation, which values the society at

about £3.5 billion for members, will translate into about £1,000 for each qualifying

The Woolwich modelled its conversion. plans on those of the Halifax, increasing the odds of a successful outcome.

Those who qualify for a bonus include savers and borrowers with at least £100 in one of the society's share accounts, or £100 outstanding on a mortgage on December 31, 1995. The account or mortgage must remain open until after the conversion.

Savers need to be careful not to withdraw too much money from their accounts. The size of the payout will depend on the lower of two balances, one on December 31, 1995, and the other on a date to be determined. Anyone who depletes their savings account in the meantime, risks losing a portion of the

Potential gains for members: £3,5 billion Woolwich helpline: 0345 022033.

A QUESTION OF MONEY

Will it pay to switch to a rival of British Gas?

In the first moves towards full domestic competition in the gas supply market, householders will have the option to switch to a British Gas rival. The lure will be savings of about £50 on an annual bill of £350. The first pilot scheme begins in the early summer. But how will the break with tradition work? We answer your

In what areas will consumers be offered an alternative to British

About 500,000 house-About Success will be hold customers will be eligible to switch supplier, in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset. Competition is scheduled to begin on April 1, though largely because of delays in drawing up licences at the Department of Trade and Industry, British
Gas is calling for the start
date to be put back to June 1.
From April 1, 1997, the pilot is scheduled to be extended to a further 1.5 million homes in Avon, Dorset, East and West Sussex and Kent. Under the 1995 Gas Act, nationwide competition must be introduced by January 1, 1999.

Tell me more about the companies who are coming into the market. Are they established businesses who can be relied on to maintain gas supply? Or are they opportunists?

A Many of these rivals have the backing of leading international oil companies that produce gas in the North Sea, such as Amerada Hess, Phillips Petroleum and Total. Others are backed by utilities such as Sweb and Eastern Electricity. Some have spent millions of pounds preparing to compete for customers. Each will be licensed by the Department of Industry, which will seek to ensure customers are not left in the lurch.

Who will bear the cost of switching the householder or the supplier? Will I need new equipment installed? Will it be complicated?

A There will be no charge for switching supplier. Gas will be supplied through existing pipes, and measured by the existing meter. The householder will sign a contract with a new supplier, who will make all arrangements. The householder may be asked to read the meter on the handover day and send off the reading, although Brit-ish Gas staff will try to check as many as they can.

If I switch to one or the newcomers, what will my saving be? Will the price differential be main-If I switch to one of tained, or will the newcom

The rule of British Gas is. ers gradually increase at last, to be challenged. prices? What will the level be of standing charges?

> Not every potential player has yet declared its hand. One that has is Amerada Hess Gas, which is promising savings of 15 per cent, or around £50, on the average annual bill of £350. That is based upon a 15 per cent cut in the British Gas standing charge of £9.48 a quarter, as well as cheaper fuel. Amerada is promising to fix prices for two years.

How is British Gas How is British Gas fighting back, or will it give up without a fight?

British Gas certainly won't give up without a fight. It aims to keep customers by persuading them it offers the best service.

Will British Gas try Q to match the price

Clare Spottiswoode, Clare Spothswoode, the gas industry regulator, says British Gas will be free to offer price cuts to be free to other price curs to customers in the South West. But it will have problems doing so, because of the high price at which it has contracted to buy its gas supplies. It might also face problems with the Office of the Transiene is its offered. Fair Trading if it offered lower prices in an area where there is competition than in areas where its monopoly has yet to be removed. We do not know whether Ofgas will oblige it to maintain identical prices

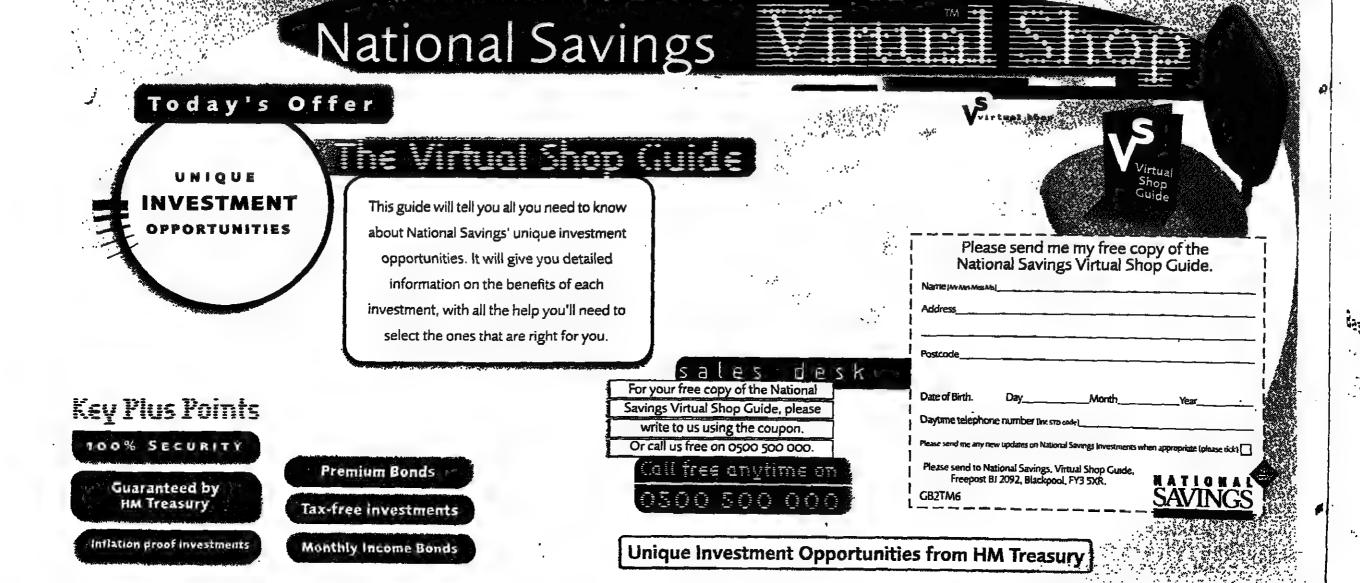
In the light of Brit-ish Gas problems with its service contract, will the competitors be offering similar service deals, or will they shy away from such arrangements?

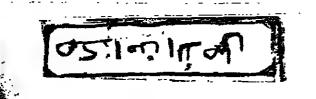
Service contracts will A be on offer at lower prices than the £93 charged by British Gas for a threestar contract in the South-West. Amerada has teamed up with Sun Alliance to promise an annual service contract for £80.

Will the newcomers be regulated by Ofgas, or can they, largely speak-ing do as they please? What protection will be given to the elderly and those customers with difficulty making repayments?

A require licences issued by the Department of Trade and Industry to operate, and will be supervised by Ofgas. The existing Gas Care register for pensioners and the disabled will be continued under the new licensing arrangements. People who have difficulty paying their bills will be offered advice, including the option of a prepayment meter. They will not simply be cut off.

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prospects for years to come.

John Alexander, head of

Pannell Kerr Forster, cautions that "bankruptcy can hang over you for years. Someone who has once been bankrupt may never get a mortgage, credit card or bank account again. It can ruin your credit: rating forever."

Strictly speaking, insolven-cy is the state of being unable to pay debts when they fall due and bankruptcy is the formal insolvency procedure for individuals. The number of individual insolvencies in England and Wales is starting to decline after shooting up. sharply in the early 1990s. In the first nine months of last year, there were 20,044 individual insolvencies, down from 24,095 a year ago. This is an improvement on 1992, when the number of individual insolvencies hit a peak of 36,794. But the 1995 numbers are significantly higher than in 1990, when there were only 13,987 individual insolvencies. If no one steps in to save the Duchess, she may be able to avoid bankruptcy with an Indivdual Voluntary Arrangement (IVA). Essentially, this is a schedule of payments that have been agreed upon by the credi-

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soon, the sorting out of the personal pension problem may grow into as large a cause célèbre as the scandal itself.

As we report on page 33, several household name insurance companies have yet to write a single compensation cheque.
Also dragging their feet are some independent financial advisers (IFAs), who have taken refuge behind judicial reviews and other pretexts for procrastination. One of the main reasons for consulting an IFA is the personal care and disinterested attention supposedly on offer. Being kept in the dark about your right to redress scarcely suggests a special relationship. Those advisers who what madness has gripped their peers and whether they still value the continued existence of independent advice.

According to the SIB report, as many as 250,000 of the most urgent cases for compensation, including nurses, miners and policemen, have yet to be told by their adviser that compensation could be available. This piece of information alone indicates that the SIB and the other regulators involved in the affair are acting more as trade associations, than as watchdogs. In indulgent Oprah Winfrey-style, the SIB is empathising with its members' problems, rather than attributing blame and issuing rebukes.

If, by the spring, some life insurance companies and independent advisers are still reluctant to act, the watchdogs should use some of their members' money to mount an advertising campaign alerting potential claimants to their rights. Such a move would be a neat counterpoint to the Government-sponsored campaign of the early Eighties, which promoted personal pensions as the universal panacea and the route to retirement income fulfilment. The SIB should also act to ensure that no claim will be time-barred under the six-year legal

To give life insurers and the rest an example of how to behave, anyone receiving

BANRUPTCY may be the

best option if you have little in

the way of assets and do not

own property. A bankruptcy typically lasts for less time than an IVA and the debtor

usually pays less. Any amount owing after the bankruptcy is discharged can usually be

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may prevent you from ever

getting a mortgage, credit card or bank account and

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IVAs are imperative for

anyone who runs a business,

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IVAs are recorded in a public register, they are less likely to

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HOW MUCH YOU ARE CHARGED

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a claim form should send it back as soon as possible. This means that they will have no more excuses for putting off to tomorrow what they should do today.

Called to account

IT WAS inevitable that a number of customers would be excluded from the Woolwich and the soon-to-be announced Alliance & Leicester flotations, but unfortunate that some of these should be long-term savers. These were people who saw the society as a convenient home for their cash, rather than as a means to a profit. They have paid the price for not following the rumours about which society would be the next to go public.

Their experience will make other savers wary of closing accounts and even more suspicious of building society chief executives who ceaselessly voice their commitment to mutuality, while having talks with merchant bankers. It is, perhaps, in the nature of any business to say one thing and do another. But building society directors should realise that their business, whether as a mutual, or as quoted company, is based on good will which merchant bankers can quantify, but not supply.

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order. This will be followed

by a creditors meeting. Once

all parties are agreed, a super-

visor (usually the insolvency practitioner) will police the

arrangement, ensuring regu-

lar payments to the creditors.

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are broken, the supervisor can

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um will relate how the £4 billion

personal pension scandal of the 1990s

damaged the reputation of the financial

services industry. They will also tell how life

insurance companies were given an oppor-tunity to salvage their good names but, inexplicably, failed to seize the chance. Businesses that spent advertising marketing

millions each year to persuade potential customers of their solidity and general excellence lost much of their credibility by

not making swift amends to the scandal's

victims. In an act of corporate self-

destruction, they preferred to postpone

compensation payments to these 1.5 million

snail's pace. Unless there is some action

Karen Zagor on the insolvency that faces the

Duchess of York and thousands of

others each year

s the Duchess of York contemplates the prospect of personal bank-ruptcy over her mounting debts and the Queen's refusal to pay the bill, she can take comfort in the fact that she is in good company. In the last year, scriptwriter and actor Colin Welland, Paula Yates, former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton and Screaming Lord Sutch have all come close

For the formerly rich and currently famous, personal bankruptcy is an inconvenience that need not be devastating. Celebrities can get mileage out of their fame, even when they fall on hard times. It is hard to imagine the Duchess of York ever being denied access to a bank account or credit cand even if her crediture do force her to declare bankruptcy. But for the tens of thousands of ordinary people who also become insolvent every year, even a brief bout of bankruptcy can blight their



The Duchess of York could face bankruptcy proceedings

advantage is that it avoids the stigma, and the possible longlasting disadvantages, of a formal bankruptcy. "An IVA only works if you can show creditors that they would get more than they would from a bankruptcy. If someone is avoiding the disabilities of bankruptcy, they can expect to have to pay more in compen-

sation," says Mr Alexander. Typically, the parties in-volved will determine how much money the debtor needs to live. Any earnings above that amount are split between the debtor and creditors. This provides an incentive for the debtor to keep earning more while allowing the creditors to benefit from any improvement in the debtor's earnings.

Most IVA arrangements last from three to five years, this is longer than the bankruptcy process, where there is an automatic discharge after three years. They also tend to be more expensive than bankruptcy proceedings. Insolvency practitioner fees are high, starting at £1,500. In comparison, a debior would pay

£275 to become bankrupt, but would also face solicitor's fees. If the Duchess is unable to reach an agreement, she may have to declare herself bankrupt or her creditors could apply to the court for a bankruptcy order. Once an order is made, an Official Receiver takes control of the estate and arranges for a Trustee to be appointed. The Trustee's job includes selling all the debtor's assets and distributing the cash to creditors. The Duchess could lose all future rights to earnings from her Budgie The Helicopter books, as copyright is considered an asset,

During the bankruptry period, the Duchess would be prohibited from a number of occupations including becoming a lawyer, accountant, company director or black cab driver. Nor will she be allowed credit of more than £250 without disclosing her bankrupt status. After three years, these restrictions would be lifted, but her credit rating would be blackened forever.

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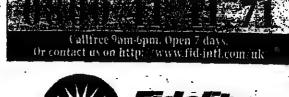
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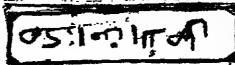


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One year on, the pensions saga is still unresolved Caroline Merrell

and Marianne Curphy report

Pearl Assurance, one of the UK's biggest insur-ers, is facing a bill of up to £240 million for paying compensation to policyholders who have been mistakenly advised to opt out of their company pension schemes to take out a Pearl pension.

However, despite the fact the pensions review was announced by regulators more than a year ago, Pearl and many other insurance companies and independent financial advisers have yet to pay out a penny in compensation.

This week, consumer bodies and the Labour Party attacked the Securities and Investments Board for not being harsh enough on those who had missed the year-end deadline for compensating the high

priority cases.

Pearl admitted it had found 40,000 opt-out cases, about half of which are high priority. The bill for compensating those who have been mistakenly opted out has been esti-mated at about £6,000 to £10,000 per case. It has sent out 300,000 letters.

The process for dealing with compensation has been harnpered by a number of legal.

and practical problems. Other life assurance companies are further ahead with the process. Barclays Life has sent out 145,000 question-naires. It has isolated 10,000 cases needing further investigation. Of those, 300 have been processed and 160 have

received compensation.

Allied Dunbar has sent out 250,009 questionnaires and has compensated about 100 people. It has sent out a total 700,000 letters. The Personal Investment Authority says clients must be sent three re-

Brian Shaw, general manager and actuary with Britannic Assurance, said: The public are reluctant to buy life products and will continue to be so until after the review." Britannic, which has 200,000 policyholders, has settled a "handful" of cases but



John Malkovich and Dustin Hoffman in Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman

declined to give a figure for the value of compensation paid out. "We anticipate a lot more cases will be sorted out but there are still many questionnaires which have not been returned," Mr Shaw said.

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Merrell writes). You may have also re-ceived reminders about the questionnaire and if you have ignored them as well, you may have forfeited right compensation.

If you were sold a pension by an independent financial adviser (IFA), you may or may not have : Ri4 4AB.

said: "It has never been our policy to do so."

Lloyds Abbey Life, which has 250,000 personal pensions holders in Abbey Life and 125,000 in Black Horse Financial Services, said it had made payouts of "several thousands" to a small number of ctients.

The Prudential said occupational schemes could refuse to take people back, in which case the life companies would top up their personal pension instead. The Pru has sent out half of the 660,000 questionnaires required with a 70 per cent response. It has not yet paid any compensation, but it believes the process will be completed "towards the end of the year".
The compensation process

could be even longer for those who were mis-sold a personal pension by an independent financial adviser (IFA). IFAs have been embroiled in a dispute over their professional indemnity cover, which will ultimately bear the brunt of the compensation bill.

Cut in base rate brings no joy for

borrowers THIS week's 0.25 per cent cut in base rates is unlikely to lead to further reductions in the mortgage rate. The drop in rates to 6.25 per cent had been widely anticipated and the UK's biggest lenders pointed out that they had already cut rates in anticipation of the move. As a result, the mortgage rate will remain un-changed at 7.49 per cent.

On the other hand, the rate for millions of savers was cut this week. The Halifax cut its rates by 0.55 per cent on average. A sum of 55,000 in its instant access account now earns 3.25 per cent gross. down from 3.85 per cent. Nationwide cut rates by 0.44 ner cent — its instant access account will now pay 3.2 per

cent interest gross. Halifax, Abbey National Woolwich were among the first to announce that they did not anticipate

cutting mortgage rates. A Halifax spokeswoman said: "We moved to cut the rate in November by 0.25 per cent cut it again by 0.25 per cent in December. We do not plan any further moves in the mortgage rate." A Woolwich spokesman said: "Our morrgage rate will remain at 7.49 per cent. This cut had already been anticipated. We will continue to keep our rates under review to make sure our savers and borrowers are not disadvantaged."

Base rates have been cut by 0.5 per cent over the past twelve months. Rates were cut in February last year to 6.75 per cent, they were cut again in December to 6.5 per cent, and were finally cut again this Thursday to 6.25 per cent. In comparison mortgage rates were cut from 8.4 per cent to 7.99 per cent in September, with another cut to 7.74 per cent in November, and a final cut to 7.49 per cent in December.

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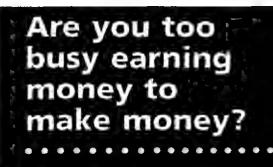
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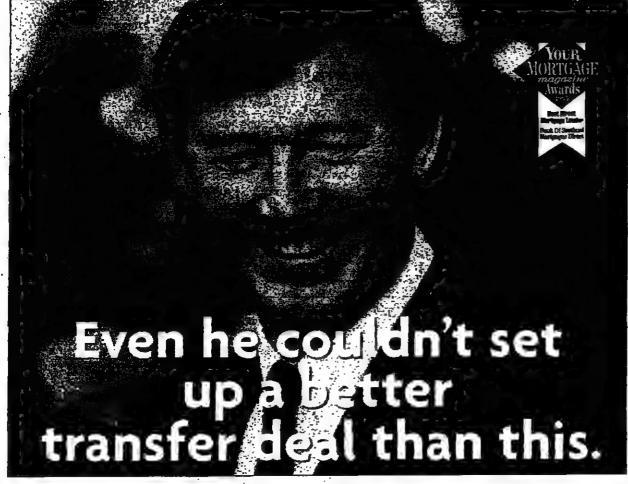
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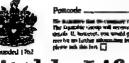
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How have PowerGen and National Power fully paid shares performed?

PowerGen and Nat-

A lonal Power first came to the market in 1991 when the Government sold a 60 percent stake in each. Both were floated at an initial price of 175p, payable in two parts. At current levels the shares have risen by 197 per cent for PowerGen and 151 per cent for National Power, but well behind the regional electricity



companies leading the table. Looking at dividend performance however the picture is different. According to Nigel Hawkins, analyst at Yamaichi Bank, taking 1995 dividend payments together with foretast payments through to 1997, the power generators are amongst the top performers.

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PowerGen shows a 47 per cent increase and National Power is up 36 per cent. How have the shares

of the other privatised utilities performed?

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regional electricity companies which floated in 1990. Money invested in the ten water authorities privatised in 1989 have seen solid, but less

privatisations from British Telecom in 1984 will have seen

the best returns from the 12

takeover targets with their commitment to large capital investment programmes making them an expensive purchase. The only takeover exception to date is the Lyonnaise des Eaux bid for Northumbrian Water which has boosted the latter's share performance, Wessex Water and

Southern are tipped as possible bid targets, which will help to keep their shares buoyant, but for the sector overall, popularity with investors has suffered as a result of problems caused by drought and burst pipes, together with the threat to the windfall tax under a Labour government.

. Near the bottom of the performance table comes British Gas, privatised in 1986. The increase in share price from 135p at flotation to present levels around 250p leaves it way behind the Recs. As British Gas undergoes its major restructuring ahead of increased competition in the market and copes with the costly problem of excess supply against demand, the prospect of a flat, or even a reduced, dividend is unlikely to thrill investors.

other What Q privatisations are coming to the market?

The Government has A two lined up for 1996. First will be Railtrack. Around one third of the issue, expected to value Railtrack at up to £2.5bn, is earmarked for the public with the promise of discounts or bonus shares. Details are expected in March. This summer is the expected date of the British Energy privatisation. It is expected part of the issue will be set aside for the public, though details have yet to be finalised.

CLARE STEWART

Bond that blooms with FT-SE

garden looks at this time of year, Sun Alliance is hoping to attract investors with a new series of floral products. First off is the

The name may be new but the product is a standard guaranteed investment bond. When you buy a bond you give a lump sum to the bond provider, usually a life assurance company, which invests your money, together with that of thousands of other investors, in stocks and shares and government securities.

The company in this case is Phoenix Assurance, which is owned by Sun Alliance and operates Sun Alliance's direct sales arm. The bit that is guaranteed in this bond is a

ment, with a return of at least 17 per cent. That works out at a guaranteed return of 3.2 per The will also pay the

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ue of the index over the past 12 months of the policy. Sun Alliance says that recent past performance of the FT-SE 100 indicates an average return of 51.6 per cent. If that happens over the next five years, you

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ver the next few weeks some of the UK's biggest fund managers are planning to test the water and taunch investment trusts

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them surfing the crest of the estimated £21 billion Tessa pay-out. Among them are Perpetual, M&G and Flemings, while Schroders is launching a Pep based on its Schroder Growth investment As well as trying to attract money from maturing Tessas,

the investment houses are hoping to ride the crest of the continuing rise in the UK stock market. Over the last year, the market rose by about 19 per cent. Some believe this buil market will continue this

Perpetual will begin to offer its trust to the public on February 20. It is one of the UK's biggest fund managers, and has collected nearly every possible performance accolade over last few years. Many of its unit trusts have continually outperformed their respective indices, as well as the more average trusts.

The new income and growth investment trust, structured to take up to 11 billion, will be managed by Nell Woodford, who manages Perpetual's high-income unit trust and its income unit trust. Its high-income unit-trust has risen 243 per cent since its 1988 launch, comfortably outstripping the rise in the FIA all-share index and the sector average. Its income fund has risen 138 per oan over the past five years, again much higher than the index and market average.

Perpetual's investment trust is being launched at the same time as an equivalent trust from its arch rival M&G. Both trusts will aim to achieve a



Splashing out: Fund managers hope to surf the crest of the £21 billion Tessa payout wave

high yield - 4.4 per cent in M&G's case and 4 per cent in Perpetual's case. Both trusts are peppable, offer savings plans and are capped at £1 billion. But charging structures contrast dramatically. M&G's fund will carry no initlal charge, nor will it carry an exit charge. Anyone buying shares in the trust will only have to pay an annual man-agement charge of 1.25 per cent plus VAT. It is set for launch in February. Perpetual's fund will carry a an initial charge of around 4.5 per

cent, while its annual manage-ment charge will be 0.75 per Flemings is putting the finishing touches to an investment trust aimed at paying income of 9.6 per cent. Daniel Godfrey, Flemings director said. This level of income cannot be attained without

some cost to capital growth."
Schroders will offer a Pep linked to its UK growth invest-ment trust. This fund has risen by about 18 per cent since launch in March last year. That Pep will be available between February 6 and 29. John Spiers, managing director of Best Investment, said:

"We have no problem with reccompany. That being said we are a little bit sceptical about the fact about the possible £1 billion size of the fund. Shares in the similar-sized European privatisation fund from Kleinwort Benson are now trading at a discount."

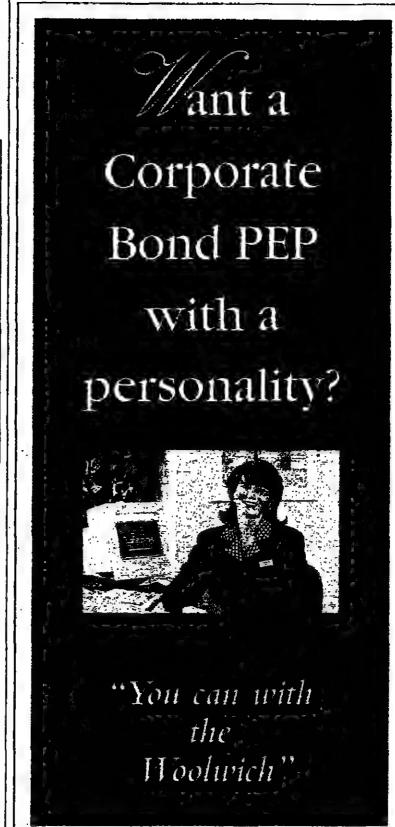
e also questions uncustions use of an investment trust for those who buy Peps every year. Anyone who does this will have a portfolio which is heavily geared towards the UK. He said: "If at some point in the future you want to rebalance your portfolio, it is much harder and more expensive to

switch around your investments if you have an investment trust." He would not be recommending Perpetual's trust because the current levels of the UK stockmarket meant there was better value to be had by investing elsewhere. Graham Hooper, Chase de

Vere investment director, said: The charges on the Perpetual Pep are average, but I'm a great admirer of the abilities of Neil Woodford."

He added that the sheer size of money Mr Woodford had to manage could impede the trust's performance. He also believes the 4.4 per cent yield target set by M&G could be quite hard to achieve in the current market conditions.





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ore than six multion people buy private medical insurance every year, but many are unaware of just what their

Few have the time or the facilities to compare the vast array of plans on the market to find the one that suits them best, and some may have been persuaded to transfer policies by a sales agent keen to

maximise commission. So how can you tell if your medical insurance is good value? Within the next few months the Office of Fair Trading is to make public its investigation into this burgeoning, unregulated indus-try. The report is expected to criticise the obscure clauses and exclusions in policies which leave consumers with a

great deal less cover than they imagined. It is also expected to rule on mis-selling, and in particular the practice of "churning" — where a sales agent advises a policy holder to switch to a different insurer in order to generate further commission.

This could be particularly had news for someone undergoing treatment when the policy is changed as many insurers will not pay for treating a medical condition either known or suspected before the policy was taken

Well over half of all medical insurance is sold direct by sales agents or through adver-tising, and since health insurance premiums in the UK are now worth about £1.5 billion annually, and sales commis sion is typically 10 per cent of the yearly premium, agents can make a lot of money from selling such products. An estimated 11 per cent of

the population has paid for cover, but as the percentage of elderly people in the population rises by an estimated 50 per cent within the next 35 years, demand will grow, Legal & General, the life,

pensions and investments house, this week launched its E10 million Healthcare Plan. Lifetime Which? the magazine of the

Consumer's Association, gives warning that private medical



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Department of Health for the number of people on NHS waiting lists vary according to region and health authority. For the three

months to September 1995, the last period for which figures are available, the greatest number of people waiting was 11,233 in the North Thames region, while the North West

claimed to have no waiting list

and in the West Midlands the

figure was 1,652 For top-of-the-range cover, Which? recommends Norwich Union's Premier Care which it describes as extensive but "expensive", and Prime Health's Primecare Plus which is cheaper but has more

The best standard policies. giving good cover with lower premiums, include NPS Healthy Options and MFIA OHRA Healthcare Plan. Dr Penny O'Nions, who trained as a doctor and now is a specialist adviser on medical insurance based Amersham, says although the L&G premiums are low starting at £20.68 for a couple under 24 - the policy could only be used as basic cover. Claims have to be preauthorised and all dental treatment is subject to an excess of £25.

She recommends PPP's general plan which she says "offers excellent cover but is expensive". For an extra £35 she recommends PPP's Woman's Plan which covers infertility treatment, up to £1,000 maternity benefits and breast cancer treatment.

Ohra, a Dutch company, and Prime Health, offer a wide range of benefits for a relative-

ly low premium, she says.

Barbara Butterworth, of King Street Financial Services. Manchester says Bupa, Prime Health and Johnson Fry (of London) are worth

For the over-50s Prime Health, part of Standard Life, is good value."

Private medical insurance only pays for acute conditions that can be cured by an operation or short-term course of treatment, not emergency treatment, long-term or incurable illnesses.

Medical plans for the over-60s cover the 60 to 75 age range and offer basic-rate tax relief on premiums. Few insurers will welcome you as a first-time customer over 75. though your existing insurer might quote you a personal rate. The ones that do include Cumbria-based UAP (formerly Provincial), which allows you to join up to the age of 79 and Norwich Union, which charges a single person over 75 a monthly fee of £84.85 for the most basic cover.

Policies are either underwritten - these will require you to give your full medical history and the insurer may exclude some treatments — or they contain a moratorium clause. In the case of the latter, do not need to disclose your medical history, but all pre-existing conditions are excluded for an average two years.

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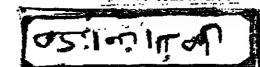
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Paying for the party of the millennium



Doing it in style: British Airways is considering auctioning Concorde for charity. Lucky passengers will be able to see in the new year twice, both in London and New York — but the privileged few will probably have to pay a stiff price

ot to be outdone by Virginia Bottomely and the Millennium Commission, far-sighted party organisers are laying their own foundations for New Year's Eve 1999.

The Albert Hall has been booked since 1975, the Savoy has enough bookings to fill it twice over, and revellers are already beginning to stake their place in Claridge's. Ma-dame Tussaud's and the QE2 are taken, and an order for 5,000 bottles of vintage champagne has fuelled rumours

that stocks could run but. After a rush of interest, British Airways is considering auctioning Concorde for charity. Lucky passengers will be able to see in the new year twice, both in London and New York, but chartering the moveable feast does not come cheap at £5,600 per seat for the, return journey.

Intent on making a profit, people are even reserving venues to sell on to the highest bidder at the last minute, while others plan to sell tickets to private parties at unique. sites. William Deakin, director of Juliana's party designers, expects to take £500 a head for millennium parties. "If you want the best location, you

need to book now," he says. But securing the best venue is only half the problem. First, there is the consideration of cost. June Torrano, 59, from Portsmouth, Wrote to Weeksavings scheme to make No Year's Eve 1999-a memorable event for her and 49 friends: She says: "We don't want to end up sitting in front of the television at home. I thought if we start saving now, we could _ look forward to a party in a London hotel and maybe even

spend the night."

Friends and family of Mrs Torrano have agreed to pay £10 a month each into a savings scheme. People will be coming from all over. We're going to put forward ideas, then put it to the vote," she says, "We need a flexible scheme in case anyone has to drop out. And I don't want to the problem of collecting in the money."

To belp them

belp them celebrate in style, Weekend Money asked financial advisers where to invest £500 a month.

Justin Urquhart Stewart, For like-minded people, who don't know much about invest-

ment and only want to put in a

small amount of money, they

should set up two or three

trust, making it clear that anyone who leaves will recrive one fiftieth of the trust assets at that time: They should put £300 into a broadly spread investment, trust savings scheme, like Foreign & Colonial, and start coming out of it after two or three years. The balance should be kept in a bank or building society that accepts trust money, and one that is likely to be taken over. If interest rates start going up, they could buy a zero dividend preference share, like the City of Oxford Preference Share, which will pay out just before December 1999."

Philipps Gee, Gee & Co: The Alliance & Leicester offers a Prime Deposit account for clubs with a current inter-

Fine wines and champagne will be very much in demand — buy now

investment clubs. They have every opportunity to make quite a lot of money from smaller companies associated with the millennium — any-thing from fizzy drinks to high-tech growth. They should set up a standing order with a bank account, and buy shares in the name of the club. Shares are easily tradeable, and people have a knowlege of which supermarkets are doing well without going to an end Money in search of a advisory service. Interest will. ie as dividends are paid into their account, which will allow them to buy more

> De Bree: They should appoint four trustees and set up an absolute

est rate of 3.4 per cent gross on a deposit of £500. Standing orders are allowed into the account, so this could be used as a low risk investment. Up to three signatures would be allowed with the account, reg-istered in the name of the club.

"Fine wines and champagne will be very much in demand for the millennium. Buy cases now, and sell them nearer the time to wine merchants or take them to an auction. This offers the possibility of growth, while Delic of the im ment to be retained for the club's own party. Consider account with a stockbroker for trading shares, like Sharelink. An initial investment is usually required followed by a typical monthly investment of £20-£30 per month. Investment clubs are restricted to groups of 20, otherwise they must set up as a limited company with all the costs and responsibilities this would incur."

Brian Connell, Grant Thurnton 'As protection of capital is

important, I recommend re-

maining in cash. The equity market could achieve better results, but success cannot be guaranteed. Establish a bank or building society account with participants contributing monthly by standing order. Generally, club accounts at-tract lower interest rates. The Halifax Treasurer's account pays 4.3 and 4.85 per cent per annum gross. A cheque account may be useful to meet stage payments, but rates may be lower. You also need to check transaction charges. Robert Fleming/Save & Prosper pays 4.67 per cent on its corporate account with more than £5,000. Should there be a solicitor or an accountant among the guests, they may be persuaded to use their firm's Client account: Bristol & West client's account pays 5.937 per cent gross annually."

John Eaton, Lupton Fawcett: "Look at a collective investment vehicle, such as a unit or investment trust. They offer flexibilty of contributions, with no pre-determined investment period, and an equity base for ennal growth. The give professional manage of £500 per month would give pound-cost averaging, smoothing out stock market

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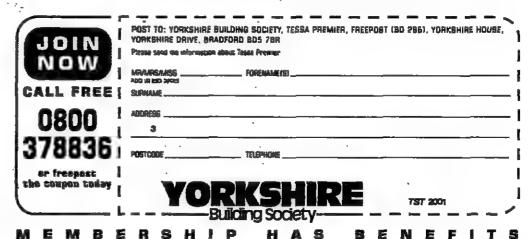
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Thousands of people are logging on to the Internet each month and many are using it to buy and sell shares. But according to Redmayne-Bentley, the solicitor, the Internet's potential for the active investor lies in the provision of readily accessible information, rather than on-line dealing, which still has many prac-tical and security concerns. The firm of solicitors is offering a wide range of services over the Internet including market comment, advisory investment services and Execution Only-PLUS, which enables those on-line to discuss investment ideas with quali//www.redmayne.co.uk/redmayne/". Details: 0113

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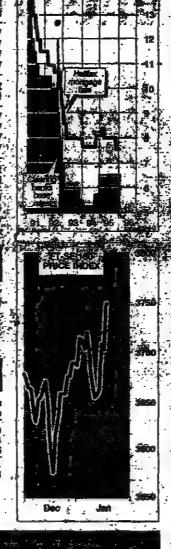
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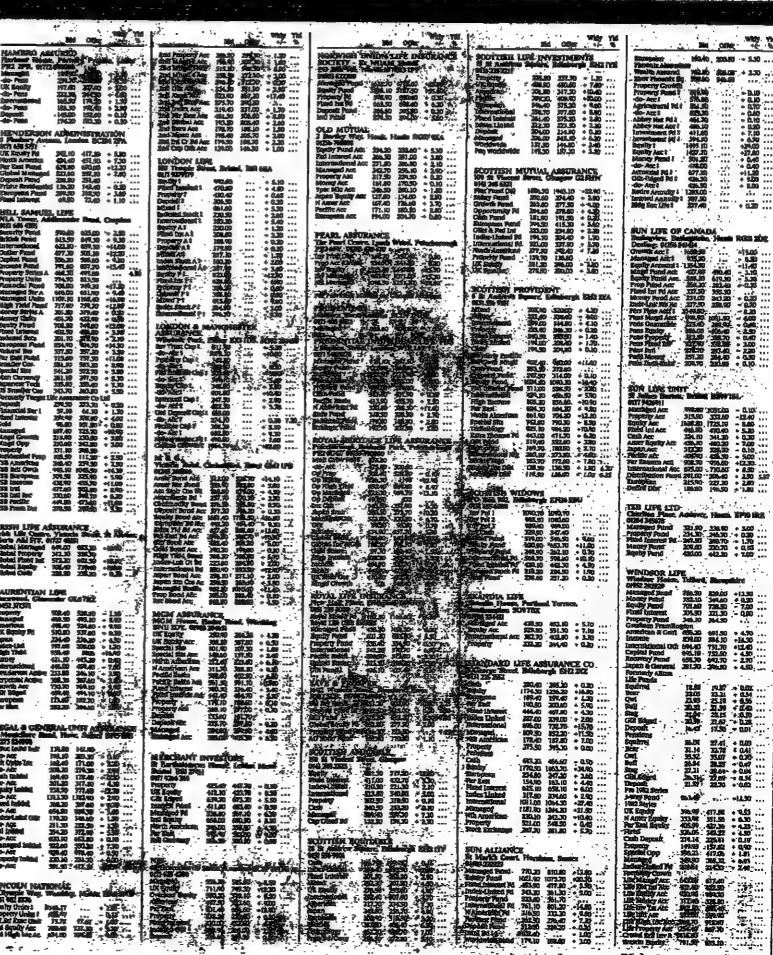
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Sara McConnell finds leases cost less if you cannot trace the landlord

When absence helps

undreds of despair-ing flat tenants who L cannot trace their landlords to serve notice thatthey want to buy the freehold of their block have been besieging the government-funded Leasehold Enfranchisement Advisory Service (Leas). They fear that they will be trapped in properties that are unsaleable because there is no freeholder.

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But the Leas is telling them they could be in a stronger position than leaseholders with landlords intent on putting obstacles in the way of tenants wanting to exercise their right to buy the freehold and manage their own flats.

The Government was this week forced to promise amendments to existing landlord and tenant legislation in the forthcoming Housing Bill after recent revelations of growing abuse of leaseholders' rights by some landlords. But campaigners fear landlords will be able to find new ways of evading the law. By con-trast, leaseholders with absentee landlords can succeed in buying their freehold relatively easily and possibly more

cheaply, says the Leas. There are two main routes, depending on circumstances: ☐ You cannot contact your landlord. Letters or cheques are returned and insurance cover is not renewed. You know his company still exists because you have checked at Companies House, He is still the listed freeholder at the Land Registry so he has not



Samantha Dukes, left, David Cleland and Sara McConnell after buying their freehold

cannot reach him at the address you have and neither

can anyone else. Under the 1993 Leasehold Reform Act, you can approach the county court directly. As long as the court is satisfied that you have really made an effort to find your landlord and that you qualify to buy your freehold under the Act, it will allow you to buy, then ask the leasehold valuation tribunal to set a price. You have avoided lengthy battles with your landlord over your right to buy the freehold. ☐ Your landlord's company

panies House because it has failed to file accounts. Alternatively, the company has gone into liquidation and then been dissolved. But you can still buy the freehold. Try to find out whether your company is still registered as landlord. The Land Registry, now open to the public, will hold information on your landlord if the

title is registered. You should then contact the Treasury Solicitor, who acts on behalf of the Crown. Assets owned by dissolved com-(including freehold to the Crown. The Treasury

Solicitor has a duty to investigate whether there were claims against the company when it was dissolved.

Depending on the result of its investigations, the Treasury Solicitor may then be able to transfer the freehold directly to a company set up and owned by you and your fellow tenants. Officials at the Treasury Solicitor's department say they are always prepared to tell you if this is seasible. The freehold and costs are generally fairly priced to encourage a straightforward Leas: 0171 493 3116.

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The buildings insurance comes up for renewal conversion in Blackheath.

South London. Normally our freeholder, a company called Alphatrend, via its managing agent Brian Nicholls of Nicholls and Co., solicitors, pays it. In 1993 it was not paid until June. This year, Alphatrend's insurance brokers cannot contact him. They ask if we would arrange the insurance and we agree. Mr Nicholls has been difficult to reach in the past year and we have no address for Alphatrend. We have not had bills for ground rent or service charges since 1992. We discover the freehold was sold to being offered to us and that Alphatrend was struck off and dissolved in July 1993. I volunteer my solicitor to find Mr Nicholls to try to buy the

freehold.

Our solicitor discovers Alphatrend has never been registered as the freeholder at the Land Registry and has had no success in contacting Mr

Nicholls. Without him we have no way of knowing where our property files are.

Our solicitor is made redundant but we find our files at a firm of solicitors ordered to take over Mr Nicholls' business by the Law Society. The files confirm Alphatrend's demise and the freehold transfer to Alpha-

trend for £1,000. Our house was an Alphatrend asset at the transfer. Though never registered at the Land Registry, our new solicitor says the transfer is almost certainly legal. The files confirm what we had already suspected -that Mr Nicholls and rend were one and the same. With Alphatrend gone, the freehold has passed to the Crown. The question is now whether the Crown will agree to sell us the freehold directly or whether we have to have Alphatrend restored to the company register so that we can pay it the ground rent we technically owe (though were never billed for) it) then serve notices on it to buy the

freehold. Restoration could

cost £5,000 before even start-

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do not need to restore Alphatrend. The Treasury Solicitor, for the Crown, tells us we may be able to buy the freehold directly. We do not have to follow Leasehold and Urban Development Act 1993. Now we need the Crown to agree that it is the freeholder.

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Solicitor, on be half of the Crown, offers us MAR the freehold of our house for £4,000 (10 times the annual ground rent), plus costs of £250 plus VAT. We accept with

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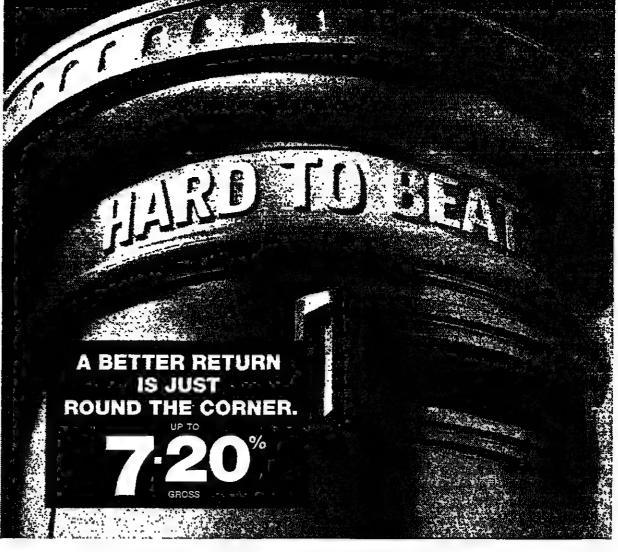
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Courier triumphs in small hours after lengthy encounter with Woodbridge

Krajicek floored by surface tension

RICHARD Krajicek, at 6ft 5in, and Todd Martin, at 6ft 6in, are two of the giants of the modern game. Yesterday. though, they were both belittled in the third round of the Australian Open as the temperature rose again to 100F. causing discomfort overhead and especially underfoot.

The speed of the courts at Flinders Park has been reduced since the championships last year. The new surfaces are a hybrid of the old Rebound Ace, which had been in place since the complex was opened nine years ago, and a new version, which was considered not fast enough.

"We asked for a mixture of the two," Paul McNamee, the tournament director, confirmed. "It is slightly coarser. players have also noticed that, under an unremitting sun, it tends to become more adhesive. Andre Agassi warned of the danger it can pose.

"When it gets hot," the holder explained, "it gets very tacky and the traction becomes almost too good. When you stop to change direction. you'd better be ready because once you plant your feet, the only thing that is going to move is your ankle or your

Or, in the case of Krajicek, the lower back. Towards the end of the first set against Jean-Philippe Fleurian, the Dutchman launched himself for an intended volley without moving his feet. He felt a twinge at the base of his spine which, despite treatment, worsened the longer he

Four games into the third set, he chose to retire. Fleurian, a qualifier, thus benefited for the second time from a wounded opponent. Sjeng Schalken also ushered him through the opening nate Frenchman distinguished himself by becoming the last man to beat Stefan Edberg in the Australian

Agasti suggested that Krajicek's ailment might be psychosomatic. "He gets in-jured just thinking about play-

RESULTS FROM FLINDERS PARK

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ing tennis," he said. The comment may seem to be an insensitive aside but, according to the Dutchman's record, it is justified. It was the sixth time he has defaulted within

the past five years. Thomas Muster is, by com-parison, a masochist in training and on court. Yet he was also apparently in physical agony as he crumpled on the baseline, yelping in pain, midway through the second set against another qualifier. Nicklas Kulti, of Sweden. The right ankle was the source of the anguish.

He had it bandaged (Monica Seles, as a precautionary measure, habitually plays here with both ankles tightly strapped) but was not sure for how long he could continue. garne at 5-4, subsequently helped to convince the No 3 seed that he would profit by playing on. He did and went through in straight sets.

Martin, the No 15 seed, was inconvenienced not so much by the conditions as by the mental distress imposed on him by Jonas Bjorkman. Tim Henman will empathise. The last British survivor was knocked out in the previous round by the 23-year-old who has suddenly rediscovered the belief that elevated him to No 21 in the world.

Since losing in Rome last May, Bjorkman had been eliminated in the first round in half of his 18 tournaments once by Henman, in Nottingham, and once by Greg Rusedski in Essen. Yet it was the nerve of Martin, the runner-up two years ago, which frayed in a fluctuating final set featuring five breaks in ten

The tension and quality of that match was later to be far surpassed. Jim Courier was involved in the most dramatic match of the championships last year, the quarter-final. when he submitted to a sobbing Pete Sampras, and he now featured in the finest and appreciably the longest of the first week.

He supplied the brawn and Todd Woodbridge the brain in a contest that endured for 42



Courier displays the power that brought him victory over Woodbridge yesterday

hours, stretching into the early hours of the morning. During the course of it, Courier, aggrieved by decisions which he perceived to be erroneous. received official warnings for ball abuse and for time wast-

With the crowd against him, he missed one match point at

5-4 in the fifth set before saving three break points in the next game. Courier, twice the former champion, missed another two match points at 6-5 but converted his fourth against his Australian opponext to go through 6-3, 6-7, 7-6,

Michael Chang is the only

man to have reached the fourth round without dropping a set. By comparison, the women have followed their usual predictable pattern. All eight third-round matches yesterday were decided in straight sets, the result which has been achieved throughout

Officials appointed expects for World stiff test in Cup duty

RAMAN SUBBA ROW WILL be England's representative on the match referees panel for the World Cup in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka next

Tournament organisers an-nounced the list of umpires and referees yesterday. There are two umpires from each of the host nations, with David Shepherd representing

England.
The list of referees includes
Clive Lloyd, of the West
Indies, Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, of India, John Reid, of New Zealand, and Ranjan Madugalle, of Sri Lanka. Mark: Taylor, Australia's captain, is confident his team

can overcome worries about their top-order batting to clinch the World Series Cup limited-overs tournament in Sydney today. Victory over Sri Lanka would give Austrālia a 2-0 lead in the best-of-three final series.

The Australians won the first game by 18 runs in Melbourne and will have the backing of a sell-out crowd at the Sydney Cricket Ground. "I think we've hatted quite well in this series," Taylor said. "Sri Lanka are bowling very well early on and you can easily find youselves at 30 for three or 50 for three.

"The good news is we're still making 200-plus in every game and the end result is what you work on Two or three of us have helped out in every game. I get a feeling that everyone has underestimated the Sri Lankans apart from us."

New Zealand gave another opportunity to Geoff Allott, the left-arm seam bowler, in the second Test against Zimbabwe which started this morning at Eden Park, Auckland. Gavin Larsen replaced the injured Greg Loveridge in the only change from the team which drew the first Test.

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Five nations' champion

Docherty title bid

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CONKESPONDENT

DREW DOCHERTY, of Scotland, faces a double obstacle when he enters the ring at Mansfield tonight for his first contest since the death of James Murray last October. Docherty not only has to overcome the memory of that tragic night at the Hospitality Inn, Glasgow, but also he has to deal with a most durable competitor in Daniel Jimenez, of Puerto Rico, the World Boxing Organisation bantam-

weight champion. While Docherty says he is confident of being able to give everything — he insists he particularly wants to win the title for Murray's sake - the champion's superiority may well play on his mind. Jimenez took the crown by clearly outpointing Alfred Kotey, the Ghanaian stopped Docherty in just four rounds, however, baving first put him down.

Most experts were surprised that Docherty decided to return to the ring with such a hard contest. An easier bout might have given him a better chance of finding out whether his heart is still in boxing. But, as Docherty's manag-

er. Tommy Gilmour, ex-plained, the Scot had the choice of meeting either Johnny Armour, of Chatham, for the Commonwealth title or Jimenez. Since, he believes, there is little to chose between the two, both champions being equally tough. Docherty de-cided to go for the bigger title. He could try for the Common-wealth if he failed against Jimenez, he reasoned.

Docherty has looked good in training, according to his coach, Benny King. Docherty floored the exciting young Michael Brodie, in sparring. Jimenez does not have

Kotey's punch, but he is a non-stop worker. The Ghanaian, who put Jimenez on the floor early, would have beaten him if he had worked harder. If Docherty is fully prepared, mentally and physically, to match the champion's work rate, he could still win.

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(38) Torquay v Layton Orient
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CYCLING: Fire Coes Super Laague (filind round, Manchester Velodrome, 7 0). round, Manchinstan Velorizano, 7-0).
ICE HOCKEY: British Lenguer: Premiser division: Basingstale v File (8-20); Newcastle v Caratti (6-20); Streifield v Michael V File (8-20); Newcastle v Caratti (6-20); Streifield v Michael V File v Notangham (8-20); Filatti division: Brackriett v Durnines (6-0); File division: Brackriett v Durnines (6-0); File v Streifield v Pauloy (6-20); Medical v Blackburn (8-20); Streifield v Blackburn (8-20); Streifield v Guidford (7-20) LACROSSE: Shaphards Friendly Socials Laguer Pramier division: Cheadle v Tyrperley, Sparthran and Eccles v Shellald Statlers: Heaton Mensey i Hutrasans, Lietor v Old Wacontano; Poymon v Stockpatt.

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(2.30), Millorn-v West Huli (2.0) BASKETBALL SUDWESSER LEAGUE: Lecoster v Harnel (7 30): Menchester v Derby (7 30): Tharnes Valley v London (8.0): Worthing v Geronighere (8.0).

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Pelicaria; Pichinga Park v Bindowater; Shefford v Dusley, Sorining v Epsorn, Stevenage v Tynamouth; West Herts v Million Keynec, Weymouth v Navai Air Contenand, Wigen v North Stafford; York CS Trojaris v 31 Neots CLUB MATCH: Oxford University v City of Oxford.

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WOMEN'S INDOOR LEAGUE: Premier division (Kalsay Karridge, Cerribridge): Dontaster v Sough (10.0); Chelmstord v Surron Caracta Life (10.50), Hightown v Surron Caracta Life v Hightown (2.10), Balsam Leoester v Inswich (1.20); Carastr (12.30), Stough v Chelmstord (1.20); Suton Caracta Life v Hightown (2.10), Balsam Leoester v Inswich (3.0), First division (Yale, Brisson); Liverpool v Carastroury (10.0), Wolong v Sheffield (10.50); Wirnbledon v Olton (11.40); Bracknell v Uverpool (12.30), Centerbury v Wolding (1.20); Sheffield v Wirnbledon (2.10); Olton v Bracknell (3.0), Second division (Hawey Hayden, Bilborough); St Albans v Bracknell v Uverpool (1.20); Sevenoals v Emouth (11.40); Sevenoals v Sevenoals v Semonth (11.40); Sevenoals v Sevenoals v Semouth v St Austen v Sevenoals v Semouth v St Austen (3.0); Charles V St Austen (3.0); Carastroury v St Austen (3.0); Carastroury v Semouth v St Austen (3.0); Carastroury v Semouth v St Austen (3.0); Carastroury v St Aus WELBH LEAGUE: Cardiff Ath v Colwyn Bany; Newport v Llandair; Newtonin v Pontypridd, Penarth v Swansea.

CLUB MATCHES: Guildiord v Southerrp-ton, Liverpool v Bedens. ICE HOCKEY

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BASKETBALL

BUOWESSER LEAGUE: Chester v Marchester (5:0); Doncaster v Trismes Volley (5:30), Lappards v Stretleid (5:0); London v Navices (6:0)

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CYCLING: Portsmouth North End cyclo-cross (Netley, 2.0).

Clough opts for Maine Road move

Francis reunited with Sinton at White Hart Lane

By Russell Kempson and David Maddock

GERRY FRANCIS, the Tottenham Hotspur manager. was yesterday reunited with Andy Sinton, the Sheffield Wednesday winger, and immediately promised good times ahead. Sinton, 29, played for Francis when he managed Queens Park Rangers but has recently drifted out of favour with David Pleat, the Wednes-

day manager. However, Sinton will have to wait a fortnight before he can make his debut for Tottenham. His £1.5 million move from Wednesday, on a 312rear contract, was signed too late for him to play in the FA Carling Premiership match against Aston Villa at Villa Park tomorrow. He is also cup-tied, ruling him out of the FA Cup, fourth-round game against Wolverhampton Wanderers on January 27, but will possibly take his bow in the game at Liverpool on February 3.

"I'm just delighted to add another quality player to the squad, one whom I know very well," Francis said. "Andy, Les Ferdinand and David Bardsley all became internationals after I took over as manager at unconcerned at such inactivi-Rangers and he is the kind of ty. "Nigel has come down a lot

while. I want to play with two wingers, especially at home, and that's where Andy can be a big asset for us."

Tottenham finally knocked down Wednesday's asking price, of £2 million, and swiftly reinvested the £1.5 million they received from West Ham United for Ilie Dumitrescu. However, Francis accepts that he has to sell players before he can buy again, despite the club's six-monthly profit of more than 66 million.

Nigel Clough has spent a long time in the shadows but he emerged, blinking almost in disbelief, into the glare of the media spotlight yesterday to sign for Manchester City. Alan Ball, the City manager, persuaded Clough to ignore an offer from Birmingham City and, in agreeing to pay Liverpool El million, Ball has offered him the chance to resurrect a career that had taken the path to international honours before entering the dead end of Anfield.

Clough, 29, has made only Il starts for Liverpool in the past two years but Ball is

Canary Racers seek to ruffle rivals' feathers

THE FIFTH round of the UK unable to compete in the play-Living Women's FA Cup tomorrow has brought Canary Racers and Ipswich Town together in the first competitive East Anglian derby for five years (Sarah Forde writes). Racers, champions of league, will be the underdogs against their premier southern division opponents, but recent form suggests the game is far from a foregone

Racers, because of a lack of resources - in terms of both players (they have a squad of and finances - were offs for promotion to the premier southern league, but have won all eight of their league matches this season, while Ipswich's league form has suffered after losing Mark Willmott, their coach, who left in October after a series of disagreements. Julie Brown, the Racers manager, sald "We've comfortable with

got everything to gain and nothing to lose." Wembley face Arsenai, the holders, while Liverpool, the runners-up last year, should beat Middlesbrough.

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player I've wanted here for a on his Anfield wages and, to me, that is commendable." Ball said. "He is prepared to sacrifice something to join this club. He has been out of topflight football for a while but it won't affect him because he has a real football brain. To me, the most important speed in football is speed of

> It was a day of frantic activity at Maine Road, with Torry Coton, the second-string goalkeeper, leaving as fast as-Clough was arriving. He signed for Manchester United late in the afternoon. "It is a wonderful signing because I have always felt that Tony should have been England's goalkeeper." Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. Duncan Ferguson, the

Everton centre forward, travelled to London yesterday, for the match against Arsenal today, with his immediate future still very much in doubt. The Scotland international was due to learn the outcome of a judicial review of the 12-match ban imposed by the Scottish Football Association, of which he still has seven matches left to run, but the judgment was reserved and will not now be presented until next week.

It allows Ferguson to play this afternoon but if the decision goes against him, he would be suspended for the seven games. Willie Donachie, the Everton coach, suggested that if the appeal is not succesful, Ferguson may refuse to play for Scotland. Donachie said: "It is a massive step to take to refuse a call-up by your country but feelings are strong on this issue."

David Ginola's booking, for "diving" in Newcastle's Coca-Cola Cup defeat against Arsenal, has been annulled. Gerald Ashby, the referee, admitted he had made a mistake after reviewing the incident on video. However, Ginola's later sending-off, for elbowing Lee Dixon, will



When Kinkladze talks about life before coming to England, it is easier to understand his severe disposition. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Passion play brings the house down

David Maddock meets Georgiou Kinkladze and

zling face. It is careworn, the face of a man ten or 15 years older, but that is not the puzzle. Something else nags away throughout a lengthy chat conducted with the help of a bubbly interpreter.

If the eyes really are the window of the soul, then Kinkladze's have frosted over. They betray nothing, no emotions - a disturbing characteristic in a 22year-old. After listening to the young man talk, flatly, about his life before coming to England, it is easier to understand his severe disposition. Kinkladze first came to prominence

when, playing for Georgia in a European championship qualifying game against Wales, he unleashed a shot from distance of such ferocity that Neville Southall, the Wales goalkeeper, admitted afterwards that he saw nothing but a blur as the ball detonated in the net.

What happened next was something of a blur for the skilful midfield player. He was courted by a succession of foreign agents, and succumbed to the charms of one such man who explained that be had the perfect club. It was a big club -- in Manchester. It was City, not United, but no matter for Kinkladze, who liked what he saw.

discovers a young man with much on his mind incidents that he will carry in his And so, this summer, after the almost

obligatory drama over work permits, he signed on the dotted line and pulled The war affected everybody in on the pale blue shirt. There were problems at first, not least the language barrier and a build-up by his new manager, Alan Ball, that even Chris Eubank might have found embarrassing. But Ball was right. Kinkladze has an immense talent that has quickly allowed him to overcome the many obstacles lying in wait for those who come to these islands.

So, plenty to smile about then? Not when you have seen two of your closest friends in football gunned down in broad daylight, victims of a complete breakdown in the usual functions of society. Georgia, like many former Soviet republics in the aftermath of the Communist collapse, is a bubbling broth of ethnic tension. Kinkladze explains that his beloved country almost hoiled over.

A strong nationalist, he is keen to stress that the problems back home have eased considerably now. Beforehe left, though, he was scarred by on the other hand ... England have

produced for his country. "I am happy to be here in England. I like it, and I think you will soon see features for ever. even better from me. But my heart is in

Georgia. We couldn't go out in the evening, we were airaid of the guns people carried — anybody could be killed by accident. "It is still difficult for us to talk about it because a lot of our friends died for

no good reason. It was a terrible thing and it still haunts me even now. I can wake at night with these terrible images inside my head."
With all that baggage, it is nothing short of miraculous that Kinkladze has

managed to stay on the FA Carling Premiership gravy train. In the space of three months, the bristling beauty of his repertoire has brought the house down wherever he has played. His midweek goal against Leicester City in the FA Cup confirmed what

many people had already begun to suspect: his talent could develop into the most impressive this country has witnessed for a long, long time.

Good news for English football, but

destroy anyone. He has incredible qualities — and we saw every one of them when he slaughtered Wales almost singlehandedly.

Manchester City's fixture with Coventry City today is a relegation tussle of significance, even at this relatively early stage in the season. But the home supporters can at least take heart from the form of a player who is now their undisputed champion.

qualifying competition, and Kinkiadze

freely admits that his best form is

Georgia and always will be. I am

thinking about my country and people

all the time. I am so proud every time I

Kit Symons knew all about Kinkladze, even before they became team-mates at Maine Road. The Wales

international was detailed to mark him the day his country visited Georgia. It was an experience he is still trying to

"I'm not exaggerating to say that

Georgi could destroy England if they

give him even a fraction of time on the

bail," Symons said, "Believe me, he can

erase from a traumatised memory.

play for my country.

THE TIMES MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND



ARSENAL (from): D Seamen, L Dison, A Linighen, & Marshall, G McGowan, N Winterburn, P Merson, J Jermen, G Heider, D Berglamp, Witcht, P Diskov, & Hughes, M Rose, V Bartram. EVERTON (from): N Southell, R Unsworth, C Short, D Wath Ablett, A Kanchelskin, S Horne, J Ebbrell, J Parkinson, A Lin Perguson, G Stuart, D Amokachi, P Ricisout, J Kearton.

LAST SEASON: Blackburn 3 Shaffeld Wed 1, 10-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, —, 1-0, —, 1-0, 1-1, 3-1.

SHEFFIELD WED (from): C Woods, I Noish, L Briscoe, P Athenton, D Walker, S Nicol, C Waddle, M Degryse, G Whittingham, D Hirst, D Kovacavic, M Bright, D Stefanovic, G Hyde, L Key, S Sawest

E Glann Hoddle is not too careful, Cheteen could win acmething this exercen, even if it is only plaucitis. One defect in tan Premierable gernes and an FA Cup shoot-out autoces at St James* Park on Wednesday adding the suspense with an elementary pensity save from Wettern actuall it was quite a good one— and he should keep his place today, withering still sidefined. Forest yield the Bridge searching for a first and victory in times mohitis but the was its likely to continue. LAST SEASON: Cheless 0 Nottingham Forest 2, 10-YEAR RECORD: 4-2, 2-6, 4-3, --, 2-2, 0-0, 1-0; 0-0, --, 0-2.

CHELSEA (front): K.Hitchcock, N.Colgan, D.Petreecu, T.Phefert, D.Lee, E.Johnsen, M. Duberry, S.Clarke, N. Spackmen, R. Gullif, J. Spencer, D. Wise, P. Furlong, M. Hughes, G. Pescock, E. Newfon, A.Dow, MOTTINGHAM FOREST (front): M. Crossley, D. Lyttle, S. Pearca, G.Co-per, S.Chettle, S.Stone, C. Bart-Williams, S. Germinil, B. Roy, K. Campbell, I. Woen, D. Phillips, A.I. Healand, J.Lee, S. Howe, A. Fettle.

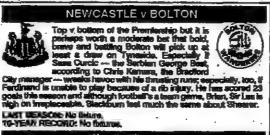
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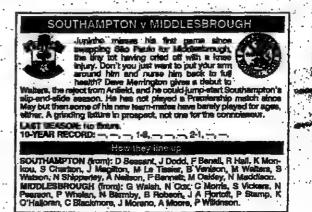
MANCHESTER CITY v COVENTRY Nigel Clough's Artifield helt has finelly ended ... with a £1.5 million move to the him the first sounds like out of the living part into the would but at least he should get a game or two — after the viett of coversty — as Alen Ball's attempts to temp City in the Premierahip become increasingly fevered. Coversty have not won on Nose Side for nine years but are positively sparking at the moment, with only two defeats in seven outlings. Big Flor's purchase of Whelen is looking inspired, with his three goals in the games.

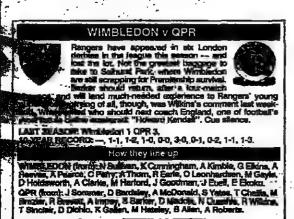
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NEWCASTLE (from): P Stricek, W Barton, J Beresford, D Pascock, P Albert, S Watson, L Clark, R Lee, P Beardsley, D Ginola, L Ferdinand, P Kitson, D Huckerby, R Ellott, C Holland. BOLTON (Rom): K Beenagen, & Green, J Phillipe, & Curcle, A Stution, G Bergeson, M Pauletainen, A Sneetes, J McGirley, N Biska, & Sellera, S McAneepis, D Lee, A Todd, A Devison, W Burnett, F de Freitan.

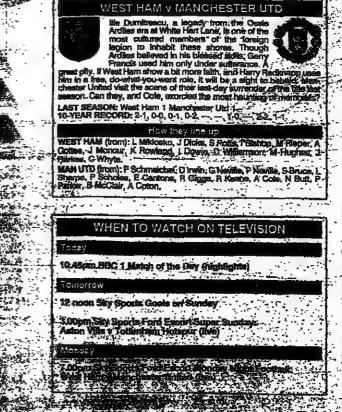


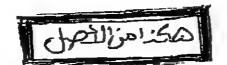


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River North fades out of Cheltenham contention

Karshi helps cheer the Vesteys

NATIONAL HUNT dichards have had to look the other way as a posse of accomplished Flat racers have made off with the Champion Hurdle. The distinction has been achieved in recent seasons by Kribensis, Royal Gait and Alderbrook: it is now safe to say River North will not be joining them.

Peter Savill was plainly disappointed with his six-yearold at Kempton yesterday. Set an easy task in the first division of the Extra Daylight Novices' Hurdle, River North moved purposefully to the front approaching the final flight. However, a sloppy jump by the odds-on shot cost him precious momentum and Karshi forged ahead on the

run-in. Richard Dunwoody, who rode River North, maintained the outing would improve his mount, but Savill was under no illusions. "If he was going to make it over hurdles he'd have won that." he said. "That has to go down as a disappointing performance."

Indeed it was, even if the winner is thought Cheltenham material by his trainer. Henrietta Knight. Karshi's triumph was particularly welcome: he carries the colours of his owner-breeder, Lord Vestey, whose wife. Cece, returned home from hospital this week after suffering a stroke.

if yesterday's Commons vote went against the extra daylight hour, the Vesteys would surely have been converts to the cause after Castle Sweep extended his unbeaten record in division two of the event named for racing's sup-

Karshi's defeat of River North, Foil Stone and Arctic Thunder — the latter blun-



River North leads the partially-hidden winner, Karshi, at Kempton yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

dered his chance away at the penultimate flight - offered a timely reminder that jump racing accords scant respect to the Flat form book. As Knight observed: "If that was a Flat race Karshi would have probably finished fourth. It's amazing how hurdling turns the

form around." David Nicholson would have been of the same opinion when contemplating Zabadi's achievements in advance of the Walton Juvenile Novices'

Hurdle. In two outings Nicholson's expensive Irish recruit has twice been unsighted behind Ocean Hawk, the latter

renowned for his consistency. The outcome was very different this time as Zabadi, in the hands of Adrian Maguire, reached the final flight straining for his head. Maguire duly obliged him and the four-yearold sprinted clear to earn himself a favourite's chance in the Triumph Hurdle at Chel-tenham. If Coral's quote of 8-1

appears cramped, rest assured you would travel many miles before witnessing as dominant a performance.

The stewards, in their wisdom, saw no reason to inquire into the 34 lengths by which Zabadi bettered his recent effort against Ocean Hawk at Exeter. Even Nicholson was surprised enough to declare on unsaddling Zabadi: "If there isn't a stewards' inquiry. there should be."

Not that it would have made

son was as bemused as anyone. "He ran an awful race at Ascot and when he came back after the Exeter race he blew as if he had never been on a

racecourse," the trainer said. "We have done nothing different with the horse at home, nor did I change the riding instructions." Nicholson added. The reasons will be rendered academic if Zabadi lands his Cheltenham prep race with equal authority.

Pridwell to show way in Champion Hurdle Trial

12:30: Plenty of pace here with Mudahim, Putty Road and Better Times Ahead all likely to race prominently. Mudahim won this last year but, after an interrupted preparation, may need his

seasonal debut. Better Times Ahead has a solid form chance but Putty Road, last season's Sun Alliance Hurdle winner, has more scope and gets necessary ground conditions for the first time. David Nicholson's runner was four lengths ahead of Strawberry Angel on their seasonal debuts over an inadequate two miles, but the leading American hurdler, now with Charlie Brooks, should relish her first attempt at this trip. At his best, the 11-year-old Simpson could prove the biggest

1:00: Mysilv is the form choice judged on her best performances last term, but Charlie Egerton's horses are not firing at the moment and, in a race with limited betting appeal, her Ascot conqueror, Pridwell, makes more appeal. The six-year-old has not always looked the easiest of rides but appears better than ever after reverting from chasing to hurdling. Moorish has to overcome a long absence and Atours, second to the progressive Collier Bay at Sandown last time, looks a bigger threat.

1:30 If Lonesome Glory is a genuine Cheltenham Gold Cup contender then the top American jumper must win this with something to spare. He was mightily impressive when winning at Sandown seven weeks ago, but was aided by the leniency of the handicapper. The bold jump-



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ing eight-year-old will not have carried this much weight before or encountered such soft ground and, at likely cramped odds, is worth opposing. Smith's Band is progressive, while Earth Summit should be able to

front run on a favoured track. But I will side with Scotton Banks. who is improving by leaps and bounds and looked potentially top class when winning at Wetherby nine days ago. Tartan Tyrant

PICHAPD EVANS

Nap: Strawberry Angel (12.30 Haydock Park) Next best: Scotton Banks (1.30 Haydock Park)

needed his seasonal debut when finishing third that day and should strip fitter here.

KEMPTON PARK CHANNEL 4

2-10: The lightly-raced Native Field benefited from a step up to 24 miles at Newcastle last Saturday when failing by the minimum margin to catch stablemate Trainglot. Today's extra furlong will help and Jimmy Fitzgerald's tulented hurdler can go one better. Kalasadi is well handicapped on early-season

on firmer ground. Angelos Double is clearly capable of better and should be watched in the market.

2:40: The unbeaten and well handicapped Grooving will have plenty of supporters here but I would not want to take too short a price about Josh Gifford's runner. His three wins have been achieved in slowly run races and his jumping is still a shade novicey. Thornton Gate has won four of his last five starts but has been penalised accordingly. Sohrab impressed when quickening off a strong pace to foil Kingsfold Pet at Ascot and can defy top weight.

3:10: Question marks hang over several of these, not least Bas De Laine, arguably the form choice but who appears to save a bit for himself. Master Boston was a shade lucky to complete a treble at Wetherby nine days ago, but is the most likely to give his running. However, File Con-cord could be the value proposition. The 12-year-old has not raced for six weeks but goes well fresh and Jenny Pitman's string is in form.

3:40: Incheailloch has disappointed on his last two runs and is worth opposing with his penalty. Trying Again does not look a natural chaser and has yet to come close to reproducing the standard of his hurdles form. Nicky Henderson invariably produces an Arkle candidate and Sublime Fellow is already being spoken of as Cheltenham Festival materi-The six-year-old has schooled particularly well and will be well backed on his debut over fences.

RICHARD EVANS

KEMPTON PARK

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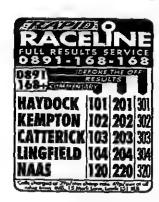
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Sesame Seed.

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RACING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY: Huntingdon (1.20), Lingfield Park (AW, 1.40), Wincanton (1.30) FRIDAY: Doncaster (1 00), Lingfield Park (1 10), Southwell (AW, 1 30)

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Sound Reveille, the winner of last year's Grand Annual Chase at the Cheltenham Festival, has been backed for the Queen Mother Champion Chase. The Charlie Brooks-trained gelding, who runs in the Garswood Handicap Chase at Haydock today, is now 20-1 from 25-1 with Ladbrokes.

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pursuit title By PETER BRYAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN, Britain's Olympic 4,000 metres track pursuit cycling champion, who today starts a week's intensive training session with his Gan team colleagues in the Pyrenees, confirmed yesterday that he would not defend his Games title in

Atlanta in July.

The Tour de France ends
on July 21 and the qualifying
round of the pursuit starts in Atlanta three days later. There's no way I can meet that schedule," he said.

This year's Tour will be Boardman's third. He took the overall lead before retiring in 1994, crashed out of last year's race on the opening day's time-trial and still has pins in his right ankle, broken in two places — together with his left wrist — in a spectacu-lar 40mph downhill skid.

In a punishing but unpublicised winter training routine, often in the snow, Boardman has achieved a degree of titness that, for the time of year, satisfies him. This week, in Britain, he covered 100 miles of hilly roads at an average speed in excess of 25mph. He starts his international calendary with international calendar with the tour of the Mediterranean (February 14 to 18) as the Gan team leader but, unlike last year, will divide his season into two, easing off for three weeks between late April and May before the build-up for

the Tour de France. Although he misses the Olympic pursuit. Boardman is pre-selected for the 52km road time-trial event in Atlanta, when he is likely to take on Miguel Indurain, the world champion, who has won the Tour de France for the past

Mason saves Britain from defeat

FROM SYDNEY FRISRIN IN BARCELONA

GREAT BRITAIN were grateful for a point from their opening match in the men's Olympic qualifying hockey tournament at the Polo Club here yesterday, two fine saves from Simon Mason denying India victory in the closing

Apparently coping well in the absence of Russell Garcia. who has withdrawn from the tournament because of illness, and Julian Halls, who was declared unfit yesterday morning with a back injury. Britain were 3-1 up at halftime. However, India fought back strongly and finished on the offensive, just as they had begun.

They had opened the scoring, in the fifth minute, Sanjeev Kumar converting a short corner after a brief tussle inside the circle. Within three minutes, India forced another short corner, which broke

down for the want of a plan. Britain, with Chris Mayer prominent on the right wing, retaliated with a strong counter-attack which led to the first of their five short corners, in the ninth minute. Calum Giles kissed the blade of his stick before the ritual began but his shot, though well directed, was saved on the line

by the full back, Aldrin. Giles had better luck from Britain's third short corner, awarded after Pargat Singh, the India captain, had been penalised for lifting the ball in the circle. This time Giles scored with a cleverly placed

The India defence was caught off guard in the thirti-

pay to look elsewhere for

Collier Bay may prove best.

But the Irlsh four-year-old

Elas Image looks the type to

Unbeaten in three starts

over hurdles, the filly is re-

garded as a Triumph Hurdle

prospect by her trainer, Mich-

zel O'Brien, who sent out

Shawiya to win the Triumph

O'Brien said yesterday: "She is a better filly than

Shawiya was at this stage of

the year. She handles the soft

ground better and four-year-

olds have a good record in the

AIG. She gets a good break at

the weights and, with the

doubts surrounding the other

horses, now may be the right

In the Baileys Arkle Cup

Ventana Canyon can reverse previous placings with Double

Symphony. Over this course last month the Edward

O'Grady-trained gelding pos-

sibly hit the front too soon and

allowed Double Symphony to

get back at him. Ridden with

more restraint, Ventana Can-

Arkie at Cheltenham.

yon can book his place for the

time to take them on."

surprise them all.

in 1993.



Nick Thompson, centre, takes on the India defence during Britain's 3-3 draw in the Olympic qualifying tournament in Barcelona yesterday

eth minute, with Mayer picking up a through-pass from Fordham and finding himself unmarked. Nick Thompson, receiving Mayer's cross-pass. quickly transferred the ball to Robert Thompson, who promptly put Britain ahead. Almost on half-time India,

whose defence had begun to

look a little ragged, conceded a

fifth short corner and Giles

again put his expertise to good

India looked dejected at the start of the second half, but gained confidence as the outside right. Mukesh Kumar, and the centre forward, Pillay, ran skilfully into the open spaces. In the 54th minute, a poor clearance by Soma Singh, the Britain left back, was picked up by Mukesh

Kumar, who raced through on the right and scored from a difficult angle to bring India back into the game. Two minutes later, Mukesh Kumar set up a chance for the

Mason's challenge to level the Although Britain continued their policy of attack, India dominated the game in the

ummarked Pillay, who beat

closing minutes and Britain had reason to thank Mason. GREAT BRITAIN: S Mason (Reading), J Wysti (Reading), S Singh (Soutingare), G Fordham (Hourslow), K Teither (Carnock), J Bhaw (Soutingare), R Thompson (Hours-low), J Lesiett (Teddington, caption), Thompson (Old Loughtonism), Subs-uspot C Glies (Hevant), D Hell (Guidford) INDIA: A Subbah, P Sngh (Guldford)
INDIA: A Subbah, P Sngh (captur), A
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☐ Holland, the favourites to qualify, opened with a 5-1 victory over Canada, with Remoo van Wijk and Stephan Veen, the wingers, scoring twice. Spain also started with a victory, but only after failing behind to Belorussia. In Malavsia's 2-1 victory over Belpium. Alexandre de Chaffoy. the Belgian centre forward,

Portuguese support for Modahl

THE Portuguese Government yesterday rejected a request by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to review urine samples of Diane Modahl, the Great Britain middle-distance runner, who was banned for four years after testing positive for drugs in 1994.

Dismayed by the British Athletic Federation's verdict to clear Modahl on appeal, the IAAF sent the case to arbitration and the doping commission that looked into it requested a third test, but the Portuguese Government has backed a ruling, by the Nat-ional Anti-Doping Council. that no third test would be carried out for technical, scientific and juridical reasons.

Torrance adrift

Golf: Sam Torrance slipped out of contention for the Malavsian Open tournament in Kuala Lumpur yesterday after a second round of 76. He is six shots adrift of Lee Porter, of the United States,

☐ Paul Goydos, the last man on the 1995 money-winners' list to keep his PGA Tour card, leads after two rounds of the Bob Hope Classic.

Campbell strikes

Cricket: Colin Campbell claimed three for 12 to reduce Mashonaland Districts to 49 for three at Goromonzi Coun-try Club in Zimbabwe after England Under-19 were all out for 225.

Bout postponed

Boxing: The planned contest between George Foreman and Michael Moorer, scheduled for Madison Square Garden on February 29, has been postponed.

Elas Image to foil title pretenders

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

THERE will be a keen sense of rounding the hig two it should anticipation at Leopardstown tomorrow, when Danoii and Montelado put their Chektenham credentials on the line in the AIG Europe Champion

Danoli is making his first and of the two, the improving appearance since seriously ining a leg at Aintree last April while Montelado, second favourite in the Champion Hurdle ante-post lists, has not raced over hurdles since

Tom Treacy, 20, takes over on Danoli from Charlie Swan, who is claimed to ride Hotel Minella in the race and he is under no illusions about winning tomorrow. Danoli is only 60 per cent fit and Tom Foley says it will be a miracle if he wins. What matters is that he comes back in one piece and then we can carry on with him," Treacy, who rode Danoli twice as a novice, said.

With Richard Dunwoody committed to Balawhar, Adrian Maguire rides Montelado for the first time and will keep the ride for Cheltenham.

That is Montelado's main objective and, while trainer Pat Flynn has the horse in good shape, experience shows Montelado is best in the spring and on better ground than he will have to deal with

With those doubts sur-

Dartnall can return in style

pointing do not like travelling for their sport so can count themselves lucky in being spoilt for choice. tomorrow's winner. The two
English runners, Collier Bay
(Jamie 'Osborne') and Absalom's Lady (Tony McCoy),
will handle the soft ground With 118 venues across Brit-

ain (compared to 44 professional jumping courses), there is little need to clock up the miles - but today is an exception. Runners from Southern and South England, Wales, the Midlands and the North West will Wiltshire for the Point-to-Point Owners and Riders Chub fixture. The National Festival, held in Leicestershire

ground is reasonable, the PPORC is a festival in its own right and, with just one other meeting this weekend, competition to attract runners is not

event marks a return to his former home. He was farm manager when Barbury Castle racecourse was resurrected

after a 30-year gap in 1992, but left that job two years later and headed to North Devon to set up a livery yard.

Chilipour, the winner of six races last season, gave Dartnall a flying start, his four-horse string of 12 months ago is now eight and an all-weather gallop has been

showed the stable is again in should make it a good day for good form and



Chilipour misses his engagement today, Phar Too Touchy tackles the novice riders' race with Rebecca Francis in the saddle. The mare has been winging up the gallop,"
Darinall said.
Polly Curling nominated
Highleeze and Calling Wild as

two horses she was looking forward to partnering this season, and their presence in the final two races at Barbury the women's champion.

Rupert Wakley had a good day last week, with a 12,147-1 treble on Julie Read's horses at Cottenham. Wakley, 21, has four rides for the same stable at Higham today, including Shimshek in the open, but do not expect such generous odds. An assistant to Newmarket trainer Michael Bell. Wakley is the son of former jackey Nigel, runner-up on Royal Toss in the 1972 Gold

TODAY'S MEETINGS: PPORC, Barbury Castle, four miles south of Swindon (first race 11.30); Waveney Harriers, Higham, 8m NE of Colchester (12.00).

CATTERICK

THUNDERER 12.45 Peep O Day, 1.15 Lord Dorcet, 1.45 Sharkashka, 2.15 Emerald Charm, 2.45 On A Pedestal, 3.15 Paruvian Gale, 3.45 Pentlands Flyer.

GOING. GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

12.45 SWALE MAIDEN HURDLE (£3,036: 3m 11 110yd) (23 runners)

9 D4 MARKAR 31 M Docks 6-11-0.
10 O-0 MARKON REPORT 45 W Barbor 8-11-0.
11 00-0 MR ORENTAL 35 Mas V Accrete 6-11-0.
12 5-4 RADICAL CHOICE 35 J Charling 6-11-0.
13 0-53 ROU ON THE RUN 48 J Charling 7-11-0.
14 0 TOWNEY HILL 15 J Docks 8-11-0.
15 P RESPASSER 14 J J D THAIR 7-11-0.
16 P-P WIRES CROSS 94 T Carr 8-11-0.
17 1-8P WE MAN 9 (J M KAMPOND 8-11-0.)
18 0-40 EMILYMODINE 9 P Response 8-10-9.
19 21 HOSTIMG TROUT 65 (G) MAS A Embraco 9-10-9.
20 -025 FOREVER SCLVER 55 (B) L Lamps 6-10-9.
21 68- MEATHER DIGE 264 M Averande 8-10-9.
23 6-32 PEEP D DAY 31 J Eye 5-10-9.
24 1-9-0 D Day 3-1 Gibt Deri 6-1 Markon 7-1 Embraco 8-13-1-9.

1.15 BEDALE NOVICES CHASE (£3,850· 2m) (14)

B Harding (3)
R Supple
D J Kasaragh (5) 9-4 Lard Dorcet, 9-2 Ingestorian, 5-1 Morong in May, 6-1 Chine, 8-1 Flowing River, 19-1 Selection, Logol Lord 12-1 other;

1.45 LEYBURN HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,136· 2m) (22) 2.5, 150 2011 (22)

1 -P55 (GMG ATHELSTAN 63 (CD.F.6.5) h. Morgan 8-11-13 A 5 Smith
2 3R08 SMARNASNKA 9 (BF.F.G) is H. Sesterby 6-11-10 II. Genet.
3 '4-0 Bhillow 9 (D.6.5) in Dook 6-11-3. II. Genet.
4 Rose WEAVER SCORES 16 80.D.F.G.J. Helbers 6-11-4 A Theorem
5 3-144 TU A DIVEAMEN 16 Mass in Rendand 6-11-7. Carp Lycos
6 24-4 DOON ROBE 9 (G) (D.6.) J.J DW 615-11-5 (Grey Lycos
7 33-3 MAPERAL 809 99F (G) Benys Smith 8-11-5. J. D. See (G) 1 Sweet (G) 2 Sweet (G) 1 Sweet (G) 1 Sweet (G) 2 Sweet (G) 1 Sweet (G) 2 Sweet (G)

Ray Cochrane was banned for two days and Allan Mackay for three after being found guilty of whip offences at Southwell yesterday.

2.15 SEAMER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,450: 2m 3t) (12)

4901: ZTT 31) (12)

346 MR PUDGE 31 (F.O) Mrs. 1 Brown 3-11-10. E Callaginus (5): 1323: CHADMADE'S GMCGE 37 (BE), (6) W Tranny 6-11-6. D Porter (6): -801 METHERBY SAID 35 (CC), F B Williason 6-11-2. D Bertsky 2285: FINAL BEAT 19.1 Charts 7-11-1. L. O'Hern 1838: FINAL BEAT 19.1 Charts 7-11-1. L. O'Hern 1839: FINAL BEAT 19.1 Charts 19-11-1. B Burriog (3): 2001. BEAT 19.1 Charts 19-10-1. B Burriog (3): 4301. BEAT 19.1 Charts 19-10-1. Respect 19-10-1. Respect 19-10-1. P Wingsin 29-44. SONNY-P 81.1 Eye 8-10-0. P Microsoft 1920: LINE 486 (6) T Watern 9-10-0. P Microsoft 190-0. Delta 4861. Delta 486 (6) T Watern 9-10-0. P Microsoft 190-0. Delta 4861. Delta 486 (6) T Watern 9-10-0. P Microsoft 190-0. Delta 486. (7): Callaging 5-1 Erresid Charts, 6-1 Fiscal Lad. (7): Callaging 6-7-2 Charlonde 5-6 (6) T Watern 9-10-0. 3-1 Netherby Sud, 7-2 Chedenck's Geiger 5-1 Emerald Creem, 6-1 Flaggach Lad, No Fudge, 8-1 Sante-P 10-1 Many-Sup, 12-1 others.

2.45 DARLINGTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,392. 2m) (16)

1 5363 R.Y.TO THE BIO 16 (ED.5) J Gunn 6-11-10 D J Kirenney 2 -420 ANTARTICIBRY 11 (B) G Didroyd 6-11-10. P Midgley 3 3/02 CENTAUR EXPRESS 43 A Streets 4-11-4. A Larract 4 3020 ON A PECESTAL 7 MBS 3 MEMISSION -11-4
5 -020 BI A REGISTRAL 7 MBS 3 MEMISSION -11-4
6 PO-6 POLLY TWO 52 MB 5 Auchin 6-11-1
7 5040 THISOMESFORALICE 6 J Golder 8-11-0
18 5-44 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 8 IN MICHAEL 6-10-1
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1 P300 PERCY PT 8 4 Nessons 7-10-8
12 50/ AUSTIE LORNA 858 7 Walson 7-10-8
13 8-00 DWA WORLD 30 Walson 5-10-5
14 -505 BILLYTORNS AD 36 Mr. V Aconivy 5-10-4
15 - OPP RUSTIC CRAFT 32 (6) Mes. 15 Maily 8-10-6
16 - U/O DOLLY PRICES 444 W Smith 11-10-0

3.15 LEEMING HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,688; 3m 1l 110yd) (8) 3 -230 WISE ADVICE 16 (F) M Hammond 6-11-5 . A S Senter 4 230P PRIMCE VAZA 46 (F.G.S.) J Durits 9-11-5 . L O'Hara 5 RP- HEAVENLY CHIZEN 329P (CD.F.G.S.) J Bedson 8-10-13 6 F11P PERUMAN GALE 9 (CO.F.O) Mrs 5 Smith 7-10-17 . . . R Guest 7 56-0 GATHERING TIME 15 (G.S) Mrs 5 Smith 10-10-8 L Donnelly (7) 8 F-26 BAVARD BAY 16 (V.CD.S) 6 Damest 12-10-0 D Byttle 3-1 Mailunger, 7-2 Perovan Gata, 8-2 Protes Yaza, 6-1 Change The Raign Heavenly Cause, 7-1 Wise Adulte, 10-1 others

3.45 BONUSPRINT MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT

FLAT RACE (£1,576: 2m) (21) 3-1 Rude Out The First 4-1 Bold Action 9-2 Postkands Flyor, 6-1 Agets Alect 7-1 Silvet Probe 8-1 J Accesse 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS C Thomson 4 womets from 9 numers, 44.4%, is Mongae, 11 from 36, 30.6%, J Ouser, 4 from 14, 28.6%; L Lungo, 10 from 36, 27.6%, J Fizgerald, 14 from 61, 23.0%, Mrs M Reveley, 22 from 102, 21.6%

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Kempton Park Going: good

Going: good 1.00 (2m hole) 1. Karshi (J Osborne, 5-1). 2. Raver North (8-11 fav), 3. Foi Stone (20-1) 14 ran 1/41.71 Miss H Knight Tote 55 (0. £1 40, £1 10 £5 50 DF £4 00 Trio £3 43 C 55 £8 64. 1.30 (2m hole) 1. Zabadi (A Maguire, 11-1) 2. Dozen Hawk (5-2); 3. Deymiar (40-1) Sovereigns Parado 2-1 fav 11 ran NR. Bide Our Time, 111, 41 D Nicholson, Tote £8 60, £2 40, £1 40, £16 50 DF £9 10. Trio £337 40. C 5F. £36.77. £9 10, Tino £337 #0, CSF, £36,77.
2.00 (3m 110yd hole) 1, Fly Guard (Martin Smith, 25-1), 2 Flow (4-1), 3, Dawin Riight (14-1) Croses's Delight 6-4 tav (pu), 10 ran 20; 301 M Bahbasge Tote £36 70, £5 10, £1 50, £2 60 DF, £65 50 Tino £235 50 CSF, £110 31 Tincast £1,325 90
2.30 (2m ch), 1, Tinne Won't, Wart (J. Railton, 9-4 tav), 2, Peaceman (15-2), 3, Lesseta (5-1), 8 ran, 41, 51 R Philips, Tote; £3 70 £1 10, £2 90, £2 90 DF, £12,50 CSF, £18 89 Tincast £72 02
3.00 (3m 110vd hole), 1, Great Easeby (R. CSF 11 as 110/d holds 1.7-02
3.00 (3m 110/d holds) 1. Great Easeby (R
McGrath, 7-1). 2. Take The Buckskin (5-2
lav), 3. Special Account (8-1) 12 ran 61,
91, W Storey, Tote C9 00 C2 90 C1 10
C3.20. DF: C11.50, Thro C98 10 CSF
C25.41 Tricast C139.56

The Whitp (10-1) Clower Shepherd 7-4 law (ur) 5 ran 12. 12. Miss H Kright Tole (5.80 °C) 70 °C2 60 DF °C14 00. CSF C24 27. (33-1) Hullians 3-1 law 8 ran 3-1, at D Haydin Jones Tole (29.00, C2.50, C1.80 °C3 60 °C2 60 °C2 60 °C3 124.27.
4,00 (2m hdle) 1, Castle Sweep (A Maguer, 1-2 lavi, 2, Just 1/2 Acc (13-2), 3, Matrie De Musque (12-1) 12 ran NR Jungle Highway, 15t, 5t, D Nicholson Tole £1.50, £1.70, £2.80, £5.60, DF £4.50 Tho. £13.50 CSF £5.46 Jackpot: not won (pool of £23,606.52 carned forward to Kempton Park today).

Placepot: £333.60 Quadpot: £151.40 Southwell Going: standard

1.40 (7); 1, Filtry Gertle (J Weever, 13-8 fay), 2, Square Deal (2-1), 3, Our Robert (10-1), 11 ran 51 61 Fi Boss Tote 22-50 E1 10, E1 180, E2 70 DF £3 00, Trio-£16,60, CSF, C5 94

2.10 (tm) 1. Chadleigh Lane (F Lynch 10-1) 2. No Submission (5-1); 3. Summor Vita (10-1) Hawwam 6-4 4v 7 ran 194, 11 R Hobinshead Tote £14.30, £5.30, £2.20 DF, £35.00, CSF £53.23

Edition 3) 1, Sharp Gazelle (R Cochrane, 12-1), 2, Satasi (3-1), 3, Hard Love (4-1) Wathurst 5-2 lav, 9 ran, Ni, 131 B Smart Tote £12.30, £2.80, £2.00 £12.0 DF £9.60 Trio £11.90, CSF £45.73 No bid

140 (7) 1. So Amazing IJ Weswer, 7-2; 2. Cashmere Lady (3-1 lav); 3. Indiahra (6-1),9 ran XI, 31 Miss SHell, Tote 53 00; 15.50. E1.60, 51.40 DF. 68.80 Trio £41.50. CSF £14.32 Tricast £56.31. Placepot: £128.70 Quadpot: £18.40,

Catterick off

THE meeting at Catterick yesterday became the third fixture this week to fall victim to fog. Officials delayed the first race until 1.35 but, after the horses had reached the start, the fog thickened again and the meeting was abandoned.

TELEVISION REMORESON : GOING: YIELDING TO SOFT 2.45 AIG EUROPE CHAMPRON HURDILE (Grade I: £34,000; 2m) (11 rusners)

7-4 Michielanio, 5-1 Collier Bay, Danoll, 6-1 Absalom's Lady, Eles Image, 7-1 Hotel Minuffe, 12-1 1996; FORTUNE AND FAME 8-11-10 M Dwyer (1-2 lav) D Wold 5 ran

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POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

FOLLOWERS of point-to-

Wolf Winter, a close second to What A Hand at Larkhill.

head for Barbury Castle in in the spring, would cherish such far-reaching patronage. Handily placed near the M4 and at a time of year when the

strong.

For Victor Darmall the



Curling: double chance

ENGEELDEARK THUNDERER

1.25 Don't Orop Bombs. 1.55 Hannah's Usher. 2.25 Princely Sound. 2.55 Distinct Beauty. 3.25 Bentico. 4.00 Duke Valentino. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.25 Badger Bay. 2.55 DISTINCT BEAUTY (nap).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M 2F, LOW NUMBERS BEST 1,25 STUBBS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,786: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

(\$2,786: TM 4f) (14 runners)

1 10: CASPARR BELLER 14 (CD.F.G.S) S Regis 8-11-7 J Durian 11

2 125- RAIMER DALISO 174 (CD.F.G.S) S Regis 8-11-7 J Durian 11

2 125- RAIMER DALISO 10 (F.G.S) J Mess G Kellerey 7-11-7 Marrytage 6

3 230- GOLD BLADE 127 (C.D.F.G) J Plaster 7-11-7 Marrytage 6

4 430- CRISKAMD 151 D WRiteria 4-11-8 Mess S Higgs (S) 7

5 550- MONTONE 26 (F.G.S) J Jenkins 5-10-6 ... Dr M Marratch (S) 1

6 00-0 LEGAL DRAMA 16 P McDrrds 4-10-5 V Coopas (S) 1

7 0-44 RYMAL CRUSS 7 (C.D.F.G.) P Webber 7-10-0 Mes S Bosley 14

3 5-42 PARKULFE 5 (BF) P Raslam 4-9-10 Mer D Kestlewell 5

9 0-20 DONT DROP BOMBS 7 (V.CD.F.G.) D Bom 7-9-9

10 300- PORGETTO, 39 D Bombel 7-9-7 ... Mess E J Jones (S) 12

10 4-68 SWYNEODO RYER 7 (F.G.) J A Hams 7-9-7 ... V Lutanish (S) 3

12 100- LUTY WOODSTOCK TUD Him A behavior. 4 US

13 3-43 ALPME STORMS 5 M Usher 4-9-0 Mes A Usber (S) 4

14 309- VERRO 461 (E.G.S) k Bishop 9-9-0 Miss A Purdly (S) 2

4-1 Partitile, 9-2 Alphre Storms 5-1 Royal Cross, 6-1 Father Day, 7-1 Bold Blade.

1.55 HARRINGTON BIRD CLAIMING STAKES (£3,203: 6f) (14)

4-1 Partille, 9-2 Alpine Storm, 5-1 Royal Cress, 6-1 Father Dan, 7-1 Gold Blad 8-1 Dgo1 Drop Bombs, 10-1 Swysland Flyer, 12-1 others

14 0-66 SUPERLAD 9 (F.6) A Harmons (Ba) 4-8-0 _____ F Norton 12 4-7 Pageiroy, 5-1 Ster-Door, Utile Item, 5-1 Hammah's Usher, 7-1 Speedy Classic, 8-1 Malos, 10-1 Lift Boy, 12-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: T Barron, 7 viriness from 29 numers, 24 1%; K McAutifle, 9 from 42, 19 1%, Miss 6 Kelleway, 9 from 50, 18 0%; M Johnston, 32 from 191, 16 8%, W O'German, 27 from 161, 16 8%, R O'Sulfivan, 42 from 263, 16 frit.

JOCKEYS: J Wester, 53 strates, from 228 rides, 23.2%; Emissa O'Gorman, 31 from 158, 19.6%, J Fortuna, 4 from 22, 18.7%; M Riestrer, 9 from 51, 17.6%, R Cochrane, 42 from 240, 17.5%, D McKeswa, 18 from 107, 16.8%.

2.25 SNAFFLES MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,118. 6f) (11) ANDS (3-1-01, 2.5, 11-8, 01) (11)

600 BBN'A VACHE BOY 133 (B) J Baineti 9-0 J Visioser 2

60 DAUPHIN BB W Missons 9-0 P MicCabe (3) 4

60 VEYER GOLE EAGLE 135 T Maybrin 9-0 A Section (7) 1

60-2 BENGE VERTHORN BB (9) Dinger 9-0 B Barcher 3

6-83 MAPLE BURS 9 S Dow 9-0 R Cochrans 18

6-20 PRINCELY SOURD 175 M Bell 9-0 M Festion 11

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6-20 PRINCELY SOURD 175 M Bell 9-0 C R Cochrans 18

70-2 BOWN AND SONS STILD 8 G L Moore 9-0 J Stack (3) 6

CROWN FAST C C BERG 9-9 C R CROSS 7

50-4 SOVERBORS DREAM 11 (V) Mrs N Miscawley 8-9 D Beggs 5

60 MDGN 103 J Fisch-Neyes 8-9 M A Matchey B Sour 6-1

9-4 Badger Bay, 4-1 Rontanticos Stud, 5-1 Mapie Burl, 11-2 Poncely Sound, 6-1 Settemporations, 15-1 Run's hacter Hoy, 12-1 gapes 2.55 MUNNINGS LUMITED STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,685: 1m 2f) (8)

3.25 SOLID STATE SUPPLIES HANDICAP

(£3,761 1m) (9)

4.00 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (Final. £9,585: 71) (16) 1 21-0 DUNE VALENTINO 18 (CD.BF,S) il Hollinsbead 4-10-0

1 21-0 DUNC VALENTINO 18 (CD.BF.5) il Holinched 4-10-0

18 Wighem 4

2 10-0 AVQIO 11 (B.CD.F.5.5) B Pearce 5-9-10. It Wighem 4

1 1-14 RAWS 14 (CD.G.5) il Bentan 6-10-0. R Coelman 12

1 1-14 ROWR OF SADDES 11 (V.CD.F.5) P Evens 5-9-3. R Lappa 6

5 110- SUPERIO 33 (CD.F.6) Mr P Sy 10-9-9... A Colona 13

6 20-2 CRYSTAL HBGHTS 14 (C.D.F.6) R O'Solbran 8-9-8. R Carls 1

4 0-7 BROCATION 2 (CD.F.6) A Moore 9-9-5. J. Fegun 8

6 1-6 HAWAII STORM 14 (CD.G.S) D Brench Dave 8-9-2. C Advances (6) 9

9 80-3 PATSY GRIMES 14 (C.D.F.6) X House 6-9-1. A MicGione 6

10 0-11 SUPER BRIX 5 (C.D.F.G.S) J (We 10-9-0) (Acr) C Teaque (5) 7

10 0-2 LMF PROJECT 10 (D.S.) M (Januston 4-9-13. J Wester 3

12 0-52 AT THE SAVOY 8 (V.G.T Barron 5-9-12. J Ferban 14

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Saturday portrait: Martin Johnson by David Hands, rugby correspondent

England banking on tower of strength at Parc des Princes

success than it is now, if you asked about the team's banker you would probably have been directed to the player who held the kitty on tour. Today, at the Parc des Princes, you will be directed to Martin Johnson.

A variety of qualities have earned England their string of successes over France in the five nations' championship. The most significant ones have been character and discipline, and Johnson typifies those virtues. At the same time, the quality of his play is probably higher and its consistency greater than any of his present

Johnson and the second row of a rugby union scrum seem made for each other. At 6ft 7in and nearly 18 stone, he is magnificently built for the requirements of the scrummage and, more particularly, his own domain of the lineout. He and Martin Bayfield, his partner at lock, have suddenly become the core players in a changing England XV.

Not that Johnson, 25, would necessarily acknowledge that. To him, rugby is the ultimate team game, in which players only function through the assistance of others. If he has enjoyed success on any given afternoon, he will argue that it is because of the support of his props or the accurate throwing of his hooker. For the same reason, the man with the beetling black brows, who carries round with him an aura of menace will never back away from the confrontations which, from time to time, arise on the

Johnson does not perceive him-self as a "minder" or, as the Australians might say, the team "enforcer". Maybe he does not need to. Quiety spoken off the field, inclined to outdoor pursuits for his relaxation, the steel common to all top sportsmen becomes obvious once he is ready for action.

Those who have operated at the rugby coalface suggest that Johnson's own ability is the key component in his remorseless rise to fame. He reads the game better

He will move back and forth in the lineout to aid his hooker's throw far more than many locks - and, in the crucial area of kick-offs, he shows an uncanny awareness of where the ball will arrive.

If that sounds a familiar quality in a Leicester player, it is because Dean Richards, his club captain. also has it. Richards is unequivocal. "I regard him as the world's best No 2 jumper," Richards said. For those less than familiar with rugby nuances, that is the position near the front of the lineout that should guarantee possession, even when backs are to the tryline and disaster threatens.

That is why Johnson, who has worked in the financial world for the past four years, is England's

'An instinctive player, his leadership qualities are emerging as he matures'

banker against France as the 1996 five nations' championship rolls off the production line and brings him his 21st cap. He is also the living embodiment of Jack Rowell's desire that young English players should be exposed to the demands of first-class sport at the earliest opportunity.

The second of three brothers from an enthusiastic sporting family in Market Harborough — Hilary, his mother, is an ultradistance runner and David, his father, enjoys all sports - Johnson went through the various representative age-group teams for England before taking an extend-ed holiday in New Zealand after leaving Robert Smythe Upper School in Harborough.

He stayed in Taupo, the lakeside town in the King Country of North Island, and since the local club was short of sizeable locks, they gave the young Englishman a trial. It was his first senior club rugby and proved an admirable finishing school. He became a regular in the King Country senior side, then playing in the second division of the provincial champ ionship under the chairmanship of Colin Meads, another grim-vis aged lock, and appeared for the New Zealand Under-21 side alongside such players as Craig Innes. John Timu and Va'aiga Tuiga mala, all future All Blacks.

He was exposed to the game in all its domestic fervour, from the man in the street to the television cameras screening games in of the best players in the world. He found that he could cope, that he could trade knock for knock, that opponents respected his athleti-cism, his ball-handling and

When he returned to England his ambition was no higher than a regular place in the Leicester senior side, which was delayed by a troublesome shoulder. There after, in 1993, his career went into overdrive: his first international cap came at 24 hours' notice as a replacement for the injured Wade Dooley. That, too, was against France, at Twickenham, and it took him a mere half-hour to come to terms with the environment.

When Dooley left the British Isles tour to New Zealand that summer, after the death of his father, Johnson was sent for from the England A tour to Canada. He played two provincial games, against Taranaki and Auckland. and observers knew that a place in the international team against the All Blacks was his.

Suddenly, two years after the world-class partnership of Dooley and Paul Ackford had broken up, England had another in Johnson and Bayfield. This introduces, however, another dimension: the England management must now be pondering the post-Carling era, the conclusion of Will Carling's tenure as England

Now 30, it is hard to see Carling remaining until another World Cup, in 1999, and there has been successor, although Ben Clarke's



him a candidate. Yet Johnson has gifts rare in English rugby. He understands the game in the way that many do not. Where Englishmen of recent years have been happy to stick with the gameplan in the hope that all will be well, Johnson appreciates the need to change on the hoof. "He is an instinctive rugby player and his leadership skills are coming out as he matures as a person." Richards

Johnson will captain Leicester in the future, if he wants to, and that he could do the same for England. Johnson leads from the front while at the same time weighing up the state of the same.

That sentiment extends to a broader context. For both club and country, Johnson has been a respected contributor to the intromerely because his job happens to be with the Midland Bank. It is not

since he prefers to concentrate onsuccess on the field.

Yet his views on professional rugby are instructive. He foresees players losing their appetite through the constant demands of the game and seeks, instead, to achieve a balance between his career and his sport. His situation as a marketing manager with the Midland mirrors that of the typical Japanese works club - the bank has been understanding in granting him time to play, invest-

ing goodwill in the hope that it will be returned with interest when Johnson's playing days are over.
"Going to work is fun." he said

That is to say, it takes him out of the all-pervading world of rugby and offers a fresh direction for his talents. As more and more clubs name will crop up on most lists and he will have to balance a financial killing against a longterm financial career. Do not be surprised if he opts for loyalty.

Kernen leads Swiss to downhill domination

By Our Sports Staff

BRUNO KERNEN produced a perfect run to lead a Swiss sweep of the leading places in an alpine skiing World Cup men's downhill event at Veysonnaz, Switzerland, yesterday. In virtually ideal conditions, Kernen sped down the technically demanding Piste de l'Ours in 2min 03.14sec to beat William Besse by 0.01sec and claim his first World Cup victory. Daniel Mahrer was third in 2min 03.39sec. shead of Xavier Gigandet, who clocked 2min 03.60sec.

It was the first time since a downhill race at Mount Allen, Canada, in 1987 that Swiss skiers had taken the top four places in a World Cup event. Brian Stemmle, of Canada, who was nearly killed in an

horrific crash in Kitzbühel sixyears ago, continued his re-naissance by posting a season's-best fifth place in 2min 03.73sec.

Skiing rentatively after a fall in training on Wednesday. Luc Alphand, of France, the hills of the season and the

leader of the World Cup

downhill standings, finished 23rd in 2min 04.63sec. Günther Mader, of Austria, who won the downhill event last weekend in Kitzbühel, had an indisciplined run and finished equal 25th in 2min 04.74sec. Picabo Street, of the United States, beat Pernilla Wiberg,

of Sweden, by 0.58sec to win the first of two World Cup downhill races in Cortina d'Ampezzo, italy. Street, 24, from Sun Valley, the World Cup downhill champion, collected her sec-

and victory of the season - the eighth of her career - descending the Olimpia Tofane course in imin 28.84sec. Wiberg, an Olympic and world giant statom champion. had her best downhill finish since 1994. Street, 25, who strengthened

her lead in the downhill standings, said that the Cortina track has definitely proved to be her favourite. She won the downhill there last year and has also finished placed. "No doubt. this is my lucky course; I love it," Street said. "Last year, I wanted to beat everybody but now I am more relaxed." She admitted using music to get her mind "in the place where I want it" before a

For me, to win with such a wide margin here is a real morale-booster," she said. "I was very nervous because it was really icy and more demanding than last year."

Wiberg, the Olympic combined champion and winner of two sialoms this season. was delighted with her finish after such a long absence from the downhill podium. "I had to do something after my bad results in Garmisch and Maribor, but I didn't expect to do so well here," she said.

She confessed that she had trained last summer with Street, who had given her a few tips. "Picabo gave me some good tips for the down-hill," she said. "Maybe I put too much pressure on myself at the start of the season, though. After Garmisch and Maribor, I decided to relax."

FOR THE RECORD



Kernen on his way to a maiden World Cup victory

Footballers raise aloft Pienaar's proud banner

rancois Piensar, South Africa's most easily rec-ognised white man. slipped quietly out of the country yesterday, his wedding day, admitting that on their Far East honeymoon he could not pledge undivided devotion to his bride — that the African Nations' Cup football tournament will preoccupy

him from time to time. "It's definitely become a new dimension in South Africa, and in my personal life," said the man who led the national rugby union team to its World

Cup triumph last May.

During the past week,
Pienaar, surprised at the
warm welcome he has received in Soweto, has been at the side of Neil Tovey, the national football skipper, as he attempts to emulate Pienaar in his role as both diplomat and sportsman.

The reception the team is getting, and the feelings of emotion in the stadium for us as South Africans, has been difficult to put into words," Pienaar said. "When I think back just a short time to the divisions here - in sport and life - I have to say that my mind is too small to really appreciate all that has happened.

It makes you feel so little. and yet I look at Neil making speeches before the president. and I know that he has accepted the responsibility of a mission that has gone on and

on for me." Tovey, who has the style and blond appearance of En-gland's left back, Stuart Pearce, did actually ask his rugby counterpart at a lun-cheon this week how he could be leaving South Africa at this time. Pienaar responded that he expected to take only one honeymoon in his life, but that he would be following closely the fortunes of Bafana Bajana, as the South Africa XI is known.

The football crowds, who clamour for South Africa and disappear when the other 14 nations in this tournament take the stage, missed seeing a remarkable 16-year-old from Sierra Leone, Mohammed Kallon, become the youngest player to score in a major tournament. They missed an extraordinary goal from Manual Bucuane, from Mozam-



ROB HUGHES On Saturday

bique, who waltzed past five Tunislans - the entire defence before beating the goalkeep-

They come, these remarkable individuals, from such a disparate continent. Many of them now travel Europe with their clubs, living five star lives, wearing their jewellery. Yet they have congregated here, in a land once forbidden to them, to play for the princely sum of £10 a day in pocket money.

Talk with them, and you find that they are uncomfortably aware of their origins. How could it be otherwise when George Weah, voted the world's No I footballer, speaks of war in Liberia and a population that cannot watch his team's attempt to win this tournament, because less than 500 of them can afford the satellite television fees.
One was struck by the

contrast in photographs in the same issue of The Johannesburg Star. On the front page, an ecstastic fan, who hap-pened to be black, near tooth-less but full of joy, jumping onto the back of Clive Barker. South Africa's white football coach. Inside, a haunting photograph from Angola, a man with one leg, one eye, and the ravages of war and poverty all



Pienaar: set high standard for nation's sportsmen

The release, even if it proves only a passing emotion, of the world's most contagious game, consumes Africans now, while the politicking goes on. Egidius Braun, the president of the Germany Football Association, flew in to trade with African officials following the pledge of the Fifs president, João Havelange, to Nelson Mandela that Africa, almost certainly South Africa, should stage the World Cup finals in 2006. The Germans had fancied themselves for that one, but Braun apparently made it known that he would support Africa, provided Germany received recipro-

hy should English-men be concerned? Because if the "rotation" espoused for the future comes to pass, then the expected £200 million renovation of Wembley Stadium could not be rewarded with a football World Cup before the year

Today Zola Pieterse (nee Budd), a victim of apartheid as much as any black athlete, returns to racing for the first time since the birth of her daughter, Lisa, last year.

In her thirtieth year, she is more aware, and more prepared than ever before, to rationalise the changes in her country. Suffice to say that she, too, delights in a racially mixed football team that is attracting the crowds.

As she prepares for a 10km road race, a stepping stone towards the world cross-country championships, and possibly the Olympic Games, let her sum up: "Before the new South Africa, this land had not had sporting heroes of any colour. I'm excited by what is happening, I'm still motivated as an athlete, and to be honest I want to share the recognition that people like Pienaar are getting in my

🗆 Simon Barnes is away

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Dublin filled with expectation

Grand plan on hold as Ireland focus on present

FROM GERALD DAVIÉS IN DUBLIN

DUBLIN'S weather is sorrowfully overcast and grey, but this, as ever, bears no resemblance to the personality of the city or its citizens. Nothing must get in the way of pursuing the pleasure principle or diminish the city's sense of vitality. No more is this the case than at present, as Ireland, with a renewed vigour and heartiness, prepare to face Scotland this afternoon at ا السادة Linsdowne Road.

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Try as they might, within the privacy of their own rooms, to play down their place as favourites to win the match, the Ireland team cannot escape from the quiet optimism that pervades the thoughts of people not shackled by the responsibility of turning this expectation into

Furthermore, there are those who see Ireland as the dark horses over what appears to be an unpredictable championship course. They have rightly cast this aside, for, with Parc des Princes and Twickenham lying ahead, such wishful imaginings must be put away for another day. The immediacy of this afternoon is what matters and, in the madcap, topsy-turvy world of the five nations' champion-

ship, anything is possible. Madcap, did 1 say? Well, yes. One example, for the moment, will suffice. Last season, at this stage, Scotland were predicted to end at the bottom of the heap. Yet, as they progressed, so they flowered to the extent that they entered the final game, against England at Twickenham, challenging for nothing less than the grand slam.

Nothing can be judged by what has gone before," Jim Telfer, the Scotland director of rugby, said. "The championship is a one-off. In my 32 years of playing the game, there is nothing like it in the world for its unique atmosphere and passion when the difference between victory

So it is. For to anticipate the likely plot this afternoon is complicated; to try to pin down the prospects is elusive.

and defeat rests on a knife-





Nobody, for instance, can be certain of the consequences of

recent events. Scotland, at Murrayfield, their fortress where most teams flounder, managed only a draw with Western Samoa, but were outscored by two tries to none. There was no solace either when the Scotland A team, which differed only by three players from the team today, lost to Italy

On the other hand, Ireland, in their preparations, put Fiji, who had given Wales a close match, to the sword and amassed 44 points. A fortnight ago, they returned from a

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Townsend calm in eye of the storm

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Mark Souster on a

new No 10 ready to answer Scotland's

call to arms at

Lansdowne Road

Then Scotland take the field at Lansdowne Road this afternoon, they will do so without Craig Chalmers for the first time in two years. In a country where players of his calibre and experience are in short supply, his omission from the side, after 47 caps,

rain-swept Atlanta with a

seven-point victory against the

United States, who, in turn

last season, had beaten

No. I hardly think that there

is much to go on there. When

past confrontations are stud-ied for clues, contests in the

new world of rugby bear little

Emotion will not be enough.

either. Not if Murray Kidd.

the new Ireland coach, has his

way. This hard-nosed New

Zealander will want to chan-

nel trish passion away from

its wayward tendency and towards a technically and a

more statistically accountable

game. With an experienced

eack of forwards, fitter and, as

they say, more focused than

hitherto — by all accounts — they should profit in lineouts

and scrums against opponents who appear to be more light-

Much depends on how Elwood plays at stand-off half. Outside him, he has a match-

winner in Geoghegan on the

wing, and, in Bell at centre,

Ireland have one of the out-

standing successes of the World Cup. The latter is partnered only for the second

Scotland, too, have plenty of

experience to call on, but it is

not who is still around that

matters, more who has gone.

For the first time in ten years,

they have to overcome the absence of their goalkicker.

match-winner and, well, talis-

To account for the kicks at

goal, a department that was

glaringly poor in Italy, Scot-land have accommodated Michael Dods, who was con-sidered a full back but is now on the left wing. It was he,

then playing on the right wing, who kicked the five

goals against Western Samoa.

tion is to play their traditional,

fast-rucking, quick-quick

game and move away from the heavier confrontation, but

will be hard but to do so.

Yet they have succeeded in

the past - substantially so. Of

their II meetings with Ireland

since 1986, Scotland have won

nine times. Ireland have had

to be content with a solitary

win, in 1988, and a drawn match in Dublin two years

We might, therefore, ponder

on the law of averages, which

might favour an Ireland vic-

tory; but this is as capricious a

way of predicting the outcome

as any based on pre-champ-

Scotland's declared inten-

man - incarnated in one -

time by McQuilkin.

Gavin Hastings.

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has caused a sur. In his place will be Gregor Townsend, the mercurial 22year-old originally from Gala. in whom the future of Scottish rugby appears for now to be invested. There has been much talk of Scotland throwing off the shackles and embracing a new attacking philosophy, with Townsend, undoubtedly the most talented footballer in Scotland, the man charged with that

While the argument over the respective merits of the two stand-off halves has yet to reach Rob Andrew v Stuart Barnes proportions, each has his admirers. Importantly for Townsend, at the moment at least, his include the selectors.

The opportunity is his, and this time he intends not to waste it "Of course there is rivalry, but it was more intense two years ago when he was dropped for me." Townsend said.

"I didn't take my chance then, I was very naive and insular in the way I played the game. I was too worried about making mistakes and getting picked for the next game. That was more of a psychological problem because I thought I was ready for stand-off. Hopefully, now that I have sorted that out, I can make the position mine.

"I suppose we are both stereotyped, myself as a runner, and Craig as a kicker. But that is probably insulting to both our games. I would like to think that my kicking game is quite strong - al-though it needs a lot of work — while Craig would say his running game is very good."

much of his recent rugby at centre both for Scotland and his club, Northampton, has blossomed under Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach. former Northampton's dominance in the Courage League second division, where they average more than 50 points a game, has enabled Townsend to

cavort in midfield. After graduating from Ed-Inburgh University, he joined the "brawn drain" of Scottish players to England and a job as a trainee corporate banker in London. He appears not to take himself or life too seri-



The Scots are keen for a change of philosophy and Townsend is ready to deliver

the match, until, that is,

usly. but, behind the "daft laddie" image, there is a

shrewd rugby brain. His absent-mindedness may already be the stuff of legend in Scotland — he regularly forgets his passport on foreign trips — but he is happy for the world and opponents to take him at face value, and thus underesti-

mate him. His approach is instinctive. cavalier even, his pace off the mark invaluable in exploiting the choked back divisions of modern rugby. He will attempt the outrageous and, if it does not work, then there is always next time, as he demonstrated in Paris last spring.

Having scored a try, it was his wayward kick which appeared to have gifted France "No," he said emphatically.

Townsend conjured from nothing that famous inside pass to Gavin Hastings. "I like to play it flat close to the gain line. Bryan Redpath's service enables me to do that. I always look for a gap, and not automatically think that slow ball means high ball. I will always try to

kick as a last resort, apart. that is, from an attacking kick, when we can get possession back again." he said. So how will he respond to the frenzy of Lansdowne

Road? Will he be calm in the

eye of the storm? Will he feel

"It is not a case of feeling pressure, more a case of being able to play under pressure. And what of Scotland's chances, already written off before the campaign has

"People forget about the terrific season we had last year, when we were in a similar position. We proved people wrong and will do so

Then, though, they had the world-beating Gavin Has-tings in the side: Scotland can only hope that Townsend takes on his mantle.

Armstrong displays battling qualities in defeat

Scotland A

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN DUBLIS

GARY ARMSTRONG confirmed that his rehabilitation is almost complete with a performance in which he demonstrated all his renowned combative qualities in a thrilling A international at Donnybrook yesterday.

In a sparkling match in which John Gallagher, the former New Zealand full back, made a tentative representastrong proved that, after his recent trials and tribulations. he is fit for international

Ireland just about deserved to win a match in which Scotland dominated for the first 20 minutes of each half. but were unable to convert their superiority into points, mainly through poor handling

at crucial moments.
In contrast, Ireland took their chances. Simon Mason. of Orrell, kicked two early penalties before the Scots manufactured a thrilling try. Peter Walton drove through at the lineout, the ball was recycled along the back line and Graham Shiel's angled run created the space. Stuart Lang, who made several telling incursions into the line, took it on before delivering the scuring pass to John Kerr.

Cronin's early domination at the front of the lineout provided a solid platform for Scotland, However, after 18 minutes, he lost the ball on Scotland's throw close to their own line and the Irish forwards started a driving maul that ended with Wallace scoring the try.

Mason added another penalty and then scored an interception try as Ireland ended the first half 19-5 ahead. Scotland clawed their way back through two penalties by Scott Welsh in the second half. but Ireland maintained their two-score cushion when Scotland dropped the scrum and Ireland were awarded a penalty try. Walton's try at the end was mere window-dressing, scorers; Ireland A: Tree: Wallace penalty try, Mason Conversion: Mason

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Too soon to look for signs of new professional era

hat's in a name? Merely because rugby union can now call itself open and that certain players have become professional in the past three months, does not mean great change can possibly have taken place as we go into another

five nations' championship in Paris and Dublin today. Yes, we have new professional coaches with their own ideas about how to improve their teams. That is their job. The players will be expected to achieve higher levels of skill and fitness but transformation does not happen in so brief a time. It took rugby league in this country ten years to catch up with the Australian teams of the early 1980s who moved

their code on so far. Ten years — and that in an established professional sport. It will take years before rugby union has a new wave of players who are totally professional in their approach. So far we have only toyed with the concept: those of us who played international rugby tried to be professional in an amateur world but there is further to go than many of

today's players appreciate. Yet for all that, the old familiar buzz is back. Television, whose role in sport is now enormous, demands entertainment, but the first object of the sportsman is to win and in the five nations', quality sometimes comes second. That is partly because of the historical connotations attached to the championship that our southern-hemisphere friends do not always understand (although when New Zealand play their perennial rivals. Australia, both countries seem

to rise above it).

Rob Andrew warns that old rivalries may make it difficult to play expansive rugby

dragged down rather than elevated by the intensity of the battle. In England, we have tried to lift our sights beyond the five nations' but we have not always been successful; sometimes France, when selection is right and the game is flowing, show a calibre of game to compare with anywhere in the world.

it would be wonderful if all five teams went out to play positive rughy. How many times have England, for example, gone out with the best of intentions only to meet opponents intent on breaking down the English game as opposed to asserting their own? To be fair, England have done it, too. Refereeing plays its part: in the northern hemisphere the style is still not as conducive to keeping the game alive and any uncertainty causes doubts over what is required, particularly in teams — as this year —

ut I am looking forward b to seeing what players such as Thomas Castaignède can do. He was involved as a 17-year-old junior training against the seniors when I was at Toulouse three years ago. He is small, powerful, very talented and it s great that France have put their trust in two young centres. They seem to be building an exciting team, not least with Christian Califano at prop, who could be one of the stars of the tournament. The French start as favourites. So often skill levels become though that does not mean a Eighties.

under reconstruction.

thing. In any one game, the wheels can come off.

will be how their half backs perform. They have not had a settled pair since Pierre Berbizier and Didier Camberabero and now they have the experience of Thierry Lacroix alongside Philippe Carbonneau who did not even play scrum half for Toulouse in the recent Heineken Cup. And England? Their backs

are to the wall. For all the talk of expansive rugby and a fresh approach, they have a newlook side for whom the essence in Paris will be character. It is hard enough for experienced teams to change direction, never mind players settling into international rugby: 10day they need to produce backbone in defence, highquality kicking, driving forward play and, if they do, then the decorative pieces may start Ireland could do well - or

they might be turned over by Scotland despite the fact that the Scots appear to be at sixes and sevens. It is hard to forecast the future for either Scotland or Wales since they are going through such turbulent times, save to say that the Scots have a habit of making a little go a long way.

But my friend Nick Popplewell tells me that the Irish are a good bet for the grand slam this season and, who knows, maybe they can make Dublin the fortress it seemed to be in the mid-



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Powerful pack can beat France

England must go back to the forwards

FROM DAVID HANDS BUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HOW easily forgotten is the fact that, at the Parc des Princes here today, England go into rugby union's five nations' championship as the title defenders. But that was year 124 of rugby's old calendar for the international game and this is the first year of the

The acceptance of open rugby marks a fundamental change of direction at the game's elite level, even though it is the logical culmination of events over the past 20 years. Yet still sporting cycles come and go and England, in the wake of a World Cup which brought them less than they hoped, are in the midst of refurbishment; so, too, are Scotland, who go to Dublin in a mood of pessimism even though Ireland have not beaten them since 1988.

Since winning their eleventh grand slam, against Scotland last March, England have lost direction, primarily because of the cataclysmic defeat by New Zealand in the World Cup semi-final in June. They have gone in search of a game which, because of the construction of their domestic rugby, they cannot have, so today they would do well to revert to the pattern of play that suits them.

If they cannot reclaim what they should regard as their heritage — powerful forward play, dependable rather than exhilarating back play - then this will be France's day. The French federation may be embroiled in the usual political wrangling, this time over the award of television contracts, but there is a relaxed air about their team and management, and appreciation that the new era, with its built-in demand for entertainment, should suit them.

While Jack Rowell, the England manager, snaps back at the critics who have dogged his heels through the autumnal travails against South Africa and Western Samoa. his opposite number, Jo Maso, seeks to combine the traditional excitement of French back play with the forward organisation that modern rugby

demands. In the selection at centre of Richard Dourthe and Thomas Castaignéde, he sees a throwback to the great days of French centre play, of Codorniou and Trillo, of Maso himself in the 1970s. "Let's say TODAY'S TEAMS IN PARIS

J-L Sadoumy (Colomiers E N'Tamack (Toulouse)

*P St André (Montterrand T Lacroix (Dax) P Carbonneau (Toulouse M Périé (Toulon) Gonzalez (Bayonne)

O Flournat (Dax) L Cabannes (Racing)

Referee: D T M McHugh (iretand) REPLACEMENTS: 16 P Bernet-Salles (Bègles-Bordeaux), 17 A Panaud (Brive), 18 G Accocebarry (Begles-Bordeeux), 19 L Bénézsch (Racng), 20 M de Rougemont (Toulon), 21 R Castel (Toulouse).

that something of the Barbarian must always live in us," he says graphically, referring to the free spirit of the world's most famous invitation club.

That might be regarded as a flight of fancy were it not for the hard-nosed realism that exists in the France pack and without which Jean-Claude Skrela's concept, as coach, of total rugby would mean nothing. The French tight five is a

FIVE NATIONS

Rob Andrew Irish confident

Calm Townsend

formidable unit and their lineout incorporates no fewer than five players who can be

regarded as ball-winners. It includes young Fabien Pelous, who was played as a lock against New Zealand in the autumn but is now switched, in the manner traditionally beloved of France

selectors, to No 8. Pelous demonstrated against the All Blacks that he a talented ball-handler: England will seek today to tie him in to the close-quarters demands of ball-winning

CHAMPIONSHIP

1980 FUCTURES

TODAY

ENGLAND

*W D C Carling (Harlequ

J C Guscott (Bath) R Underwood (Leicester/RAF)

P J Grayson (Northampton) M J S Dawson (Northampton) G C Plowntree (Leicester)

M P Regan (Bristol)

S Ojornoh (Bath) M C Bayfield (Northampton LB N Dellaglio (Wasps)

coverage: BBC1 2.0 HEPLACEMENTS: 16 J E B Callard (Gath), 17 P R de Glanville (Beith), 18 K P P Bracken (Bristol), 19 V E Ubogu (Beth), 20 R G R Dawe

while they develop the game which has proved so successful against France at the Parc

Today, too, France have their "South Africans" back: the three players who missed the series with New Zealand because of Bernard Lapasset. the federation president's de-cree that Thierry Lacroix, Olivier Roumat and Laurent Cabannes had returned too late to France after a summer of provincial South African rugby. How ironic that

post in French rugby. True, Lacroix has played in the No IO jersey on five previin an emergency. Now the held by Didier Camberabero, comes into what he may When I was 22, I didn't understand why people said I

was not made to be a stand-off. I tried to fill in all the holes." Six years later, he appreciates the need to provide direction for others, though his opposite number, Paul Grayson, and Lawrence Dallagio. the England open-side flanker, will try to ensure he has as little time as possible in which

This is a big day for Grayson, none bigger: since En-gland's winning run at the Parc began in 1990, it is fair to say that the most influential figure has been his predeces-

On Grayson and his club partner. Matt Dawson, falls the responsibility for shaping the game; but, if their forwards do not provide them with the means, their influence will be negligible.

gland's pack has lacked the coherence of yore: the recall of Steve Ojomoh is intended to add a dynamic which has been missing and Jason Leonard will hope to give Michel Perie the warmest of welcomes to international rugby though, at 26, the Toulon loose-head prop is no spring chicken. The game's other debutant.

Jon Sleightholme, on the England right wing, could not wish for a more testing start, but his senior colleagues will have told him no horror stories about Paris. England have found the

Parc a more rewarding venue than any other of the home unions and if, against the odds, they should do so again. then the worth will be more than the monetary value that open rugby places on the

Lacroix's experience at stand-off half for Natal should now have helped him to the pivotal

ous occasions, but invariably player, who stands 15 points from the national record of 354 consider his own: at Dax, his club, he is the patron, the boss of the back division. "I believe that I am now in my rightful place," he said this week.

sor, Rob Andrew, either as

helmsman or points-scorer. So far this season, En-



Small target too tall for England

IN EAST LONDON

EAST LONDON (South Africa won toss): South Africa beat England by 14 runs

ENGLAND'S tour of South Africa cannot now finish early enough. Last night, in the sixth one-day international here, they experienced a humiliation as great as any they have experienced in the past fortnight when they failed to reach a target of 130 against an attack lacking Allan Donald,

their great tormentor.

At 75 for three after 28 overs, with Hick and Russell together and having just completed the only half-century partner-ship of the match, England appeared to be moving inexorably towards victory. Even their opponents seemed to

concede as much. But it was then that Hansie Cronie, the South Africa captain, took a gamble with his fledgling spin bowler. Paul Adams, who had not bowled since Hick took him apart in Cape Town in the first match of the series. With the first ball of his second over, Adams had Hick caught behind — admittedly it was a questionable decision. Hick's third in six innings — and with his next ball he bowled Thorpe through his legs with his stock

ed into panic brought on by so many recent defeats. Russell Illingworth were both dismissed through suicidal running and no one had the confidence to take control, not even Fairbrother, who was last out for 13, his side's second-highest score

Hick's 39. Gough and Martin, England's last two batsmen, had helped Fairbrother to add 20 but the margin of defeat was large for a match in which 20 wickets fell in 85 overs for 244 runs. England are now 5-1 down in the series with the final match to be played in Port Elizabeth tomorrow.

England should have won. if for no other reason than that they had the great advantage

SOUTH AFFICA

Total (41.4 overs) 129

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that was difficult to read. Indeed, the pitch offered them some excuse for their defeat because it was quite unsuitable for such a high-profile occasion, which attracted yet another capacity crowd, this time of 17,000.

Even before the match was over. Ali Bacher, the managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, had requested pitch reports from the umpires, the captains and the groundsman. In truth, the whole thing was a muddle. Originally, the match was to have been played on a relaid surface that was fast and bouncy but the authorities got cold feet and switched to what

EAST LONDON SCOREBOARD

BOWLING: Cork 8.4-1-22-2; Martin 7-0-23-2; Gough 10-1-25-3; White 7-1-18-2; Hingworth 9-1-29-1.

ENGLAND

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get the ball to pass over the stumps, an experience that will at least have familiarised both sides with what awaits them on the Asian sub-continent when they go to the World Cup next month.

The question for all the batsmen was how to bat on such a surface. Few had much of an answer. South Africa were all out for 129 with 50 balls of their allocation unused, their lowest score in a one-day international at home; and England limped past their lowest of 93, which dates back 21 years to a World Cup meeting with Australia at they thought would be a safe

Headingley. Four South Africans failed

3-19, 4-75, 5-76, 6-78, 7-88, 8-95, 9-104.

BOWLING: Pollock 10-3-15-1; de

Villers 8-1-10-2; Klusener 4-0-19-0; Snell 9.4-2-22-2; Kallie 3-0-9-0; Adams 9-1-26-3.

Umplies: C J Mitchey and D L

Referee: C W Smith (West indies).

SERIES DETAILS: Jan 9: Cape Town: South Africa won by six runs. Jan 11: Bloemfortein: England won by five wickets. Jan 13: Johannes-burg: South Africa won by three wickets. Jan 14: Pretoria: South Africa won by seven wickets.

Africa won by seven wickets, Jer

17: Durban: South Africa won by five

from Natal, who was playing for his country for the first time, and two Englishmen. Seven others could not reach double figures. Both pinch-hitters failed

Snell for South Africa and White for England. White at least tried to follow his brief. before giving a catch at the wicket, but Snell did a passable inpersonation of an orthodox opener before seemingly giving up in de-It was certainly not easy to

hit over the inner ring of fielders. Kirsten, who would have been run out on six but for Thorpe's curious decision to field the ball with his feet, was one of the first to try but holed out to a good leaping catch by Smith at deep mid-

Rhodes fell in a similar way, though not before he had kept McMillan company for 12 overs, the longest partnership of South Africa's innings and, at 35 runs, the most produc-

McMillan was the first batsman, and perhaps the only one other than Hick, to find a modus operandi. He did not try anything rash and worked the ball around, scoring an unbeaten 45. His lively little partnership of 30 with de Villiers proved crucial.

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FALL OF WICKETS, 1-25, 2-29, 3-29, 4-54, 5-89, 6-89, 7-98, 8-98, 9-MATCH TO COME Jan 21: Port Total (48.4 overs) 115 rapid succession as England's EC threatens action on foreign players ruling

BY RUSSELL KEWPSON

FIFA. football's world governing body, and Uefa, the European governing body, have been given a final warni by the European Commission (EC). If they do not abolish the rule that restricts clubs from playing a maximum of three foreign players, and annul the transfer fee system, they could face fines or court action. The EC has given them six weeks to comply.

Both practices were declared illegal by the European Court of Justice last month. It stated that they violated the European Union law that hars agree-

ments which restrict competition. The judgment was based on a European Union treaty article guaranteeing workers the right to move freely within

The EC said it had told Fifa and Uefa in a letter that it would open formal legal proceedings against them and lift their immunity from fines if they did not give a satisfactory response. An EC spokesman said yesterday: The mat-ter is out of our hands. The European Court has handed down a judgment and we have no option but to take steps to ensure it is complied with." Although the EC has made it clear it

wants to see the court judgment honoured in full, it is up to the British courts to decide whether the transfer ruling applies to transfers within the United Kingdom. This will happen if a player decides to challenge the continu-ation of the system, which is worth an estimated £100 million a year in fees between British clubs.

Uefa angered the EC earlier this week by saying that it would continue to maintain its "three-plus-two" rule, which limits teams to fielding a maximum of three foreign players and two "assimilated" foreigners in European club competitions. An assimilated player is one who has lived in the country for five years or has played in his club's youth team.

Uefa argued that the court ruling, which ended a five-year legal battle by Jean-Marc Bosman, the Belgian player, allowed it to maintain the threeplus-two policy because teams in European competitions also represent their countries. A Uefa spokeswoman said yesterday: "We cannot comment on this as we have not received any letter. When we do and have studied it. we shall issue an official press release."

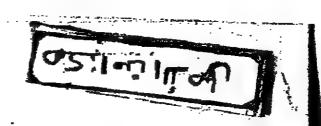
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DOCTOR DOLITTLE AND HER WILD IDEA



oto flicked his head backwards. catching the tiny woman under the ribcage with his forehead as his tusks passed either side of her body, and sent her backwards in a half somersault on to a pile of his dung.
"Don't you bloody well do that with me," said the middle-aged English academic, as she staggered back towards the one and a half ton adolescent bull elephant. I winced. Not for Dr Marthe Kiley-Worthington, but in

anticipation of what Toto now faced. "It's time you learnt some manners," she spat through clenched teeth, bracing her rage, thrash a Massey Ferguson tractor with

shoulders and drawing herself up to her full height of five foot two.

More than a passing acquaintance with the doctor - she is my mother - has taught me that Toto was in for it. Any second now, I thought, and she was going to give the poor fellah a straight right at the top of his trunk, the sensitive site of the organ-pipe complex of sinuses he uses to rumble, trumpet, and communicate in subsonic booms with the other five members of his group. I'd seen her push a cow off its feet for having trodden on her own; and, in a fit of anthropomorphic

Typical Examples:

By Sam Kiley

a monkey wrench, Basil Fawlty-style, for refusing to start.

In the moments it took for my mother to regain her composure, and summon the science she was harnessing to train a group of Zimbabwean elephants. I foresaw Toto's "voice" reduced to the efferninate hoots and beeps of a Mini Metro.

But the doctor was on her best behaviour. She had been invited by Norman Travers to his Imire Ranch — set amid tobacco fields and small hills 105km from Harare — to debunk the myth that African elephants cannot be trained, much less put to any use. After all, thumping pachyderms was hardly consistent with her "animal education" principles of "positive reinforcement".

Humans daring enough to disagree with the doctor - herself the leathery product of a childhood in the Congo and Kenya - are treated to the full cut from the serrated edge of her tongue. In normal discourse, her vocabulary is not so much blue as deep purple. With animals like Toto, however, she is capable of other-worldly patience and a level of empathy she has never shown for her

own kind. "He's getting fed up. We'll change the exercise," was Toto's only punishment.

Under orders from my editor to spend a week observing the doctor in much the same way as she has studied animal subjects for her five books — among them The Behaviour of Horses. Animals in Circuses and Zoos. Chiron's World, and Eco-Agriculture: Food First Farming — I finally answered a question that had always niggled me: why are some people better at getting along with animals rather than their own kind? The

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PHILIP'S CHILDHOOD

rince Philip was, by blood at least, more royal than his uncle Mountbatten and closely linked to the British Royal Family Born in 1921, he was the son of Mountbatten's elder sister, Princess Alice, and Prince Andrew of Greece. On his mother's side he was

a direct descendant of Queen Victoria: through his father he was, like his first cousin, Princess Marina, descended not only from the Greek! Danish royal family but also from the Russian imperial grandfather. George I of the Hellenes (Queen Alexandra's brother Willy"), having married the Grand Duchess Olga, grand-daughter of Tsar Nicholas I.

Prince Philip's father was one of their seven children. Prince Philip was the youngest child and only son of Prince Andrew and Princess Alice: he had four sisters and was seven years younger than the youn-

Life had been difficult and rootless for him almost from the start. Born in 1921 on the kitchen table of the family

villa, Mon Repos. in Corfu. he was a refugee less than a year later when George V sent a British warship to rescue his family from the latest Greek coup (his father. Prince Andrew, would probshot by the leaders had it not been for interven-

'Philip is killingly funny. I like him very much'

The Greek royal family had never been rich in royal terms. As nominal rulers of one of the poorest countries in Europe most insecure throne, they had had neither time nor opportunity to accumulate valuable possessions.

Prince Philip's parents were in many ways an ill-matched couple. His father, Prince Andrew, was described by his youngest daughter as "delightful, extrovert, with a colossal sense of humour, very amusing". Prince Philip, who got on extremely well with his father when he was around, which was increasingly rarely, inherited his father's forehead and the shape of his head, and his mother's fine nose and lips.

Princess Alice had been very deaf from childhood, but she had learnt to lip-read in several languages. She was very strict with her children; Prince Philip's relationship with her was good if not superficially affectionate.

She was as courageous and independent-minded as he was. While living in Germanoccupied Athens during the Second World War (when she lost more than 40lb living off flour mixed with warm water), she saved the lives of two Jews. a mother and daughter. They had two rooms at the top of Prince George's house, where she lived, and when the Germans came to look for them. Princess Alice pretended to be not only deaf but half-witted,

so they went away. Princess Alice did not play a part in her son's adolescence. When Philip was only ten, a very vulnerable age, his world began to crumble around him. not for the first or the last time. His mother had a breakdown. apparently caused by the menopause, and was sent for treatment to Vienna and Berlin. The house where they were living at St Cloud, in Paris, was given up and Prince Philip's father went off to live

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By 1931 all his sisters had married German aristocrats: Princess Sophie, the youngest, Prince Christopher of Hesse at the age of 16 in 1930; his three other sisters all married in 1931 - Margarita to Prince Godfrey of Hohenlohe-Langenburg. Theodora, known as "Dolla", to Berthold, Margrave of Baden, and Cecile to George Donatus, Prince of

Hesse and the Rhine. Prince Philip was sent to the preparatory Cheam. school in England, to which he was later to dispatch Prince Charles. Cheam was followed by a brief two terms in Germany at the school founded by Kurt Hahn at Schloss Salem, home of Philip's sister Della and her husband Berthold, later to become better known after its transition to Scotland as Gordonstoun.

Hahn, a German Jew, was arrested after the Nazis came to power in 1933 and, after the intervention of highly placed British friends, fled to Britain where he founded Gordonstoun. In 1934 Philip was sent to school there, a formative experience which he was to insist

> share. As a teenager, despite being a member of a large extended family. Philip was very much on his own. Friends at Gordonstoun remember there always being uncertainty as to where he should spend his holidays. He was fond of his third sister Cecile's

husband, George Donatus of Hesse, and spent most of his holidays with them at Wolfsgarten or in Darmstadt. end when Cecile and George were killed in an air crash in 1937 en route for the London wedding of George's younger

brother, Prince Ludwig. In London. Philip stayed at Kensington Palace with his Mountbatten grandmother. the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven. "He was very independent," his sister said. "and he and his grandmother had frightful tussies of will." His Mountbatten cousins remember seeing Philip race up the stairs at Kensington Palace, stopping at the top to stick his tongue out at her.

e also stayed in the country with his mother's brother George. Marquess of Milford Haven, and exotic lesbian Russian wife, Nadejda. In 1938, the year of Cecile's death, George Milford Haven died of cancer, leaving Prince Philip in the occasional care of his younger brother. Lord Louis. At this point in Prince

Philip's career. Lord Louis did

not represent the "surrogate father" he is often made out to be. He was only beginning to take an interest in his nephew. who seems to have first visited Adsdean, the Mountbattens' country house, in the spring of 1938, accompanied by his cou-sin, David Milford Haven. Philip was here all last week doing his entrance exams for the Navy." Mountbatten wrote to his wife in terms which suggest this was his first prolonged encounter with his nephew at close quarters. "He had his meals with us and he really is killingly funny. I like

him very much According to Mountbatten's official biographer, the deci-sion that Philip should join the Navy and not, as he had first chosen, the Air-Force, was

















Faces of Philip: clockwise from top left, as a proud Greek prince in 1930; athlete, 1935; toddler in 1922; midshipman, aged 19: in the Gordonstoun Cricket XI; centre (left), on holiday in France

Mountbatten's. It was as a result of this decision that when, in July 1939, the King, the Queen and the two Princesses, accompanied by Mountbatten, made an official visit to the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth on the yacht. Victoria & Albert, his nephew, Elizabeth's cousin.

was a cadet there. "Philip accompanied us and dined on board." Mountbatten noted briefly in his diary on July 22, 1939, and the next day: Philip came back aboard 184 for tea and was a great success with the children.

Philip was extremely handsome tall with Nordic good looks, blond hair and fine features. He was confident and. Crawfie thought, a bit of a show-off and "rather offhand in his manner". The crucial meeting between him and Elizabeth took place at the Captain's House at Dartmouth. He joined the Prinplaying with a clockwork train on the nursery floor, but not surprisingly. soon got bored with the childish amusement and suggested going to the tennis courts and jumping over the nets instead.

The key to Philip's character is that he has had to be selfreliant and independent since the age of ten. Since the family broke up at St Cloud in 1930. he had had nowhere that he could call home, just a succession of relatives' houses. schools, ships. By 1946 he was virtually an orphan. His father. Prince Andrew, had died on December 3, 1944, in Monte Carlo, while Philip was

Philip had, therefore, been unable even to attend his father's funeral; after the war he and Mike Parker, a naval friend, travelled to Monaco to collect from the Prince's mistress all that he had left to bequeath to his son — a pair of hairbrushes and cufflinks and some trunks full of old suits. At his grandmother's home

in Kensington Palace, Philip kept trunks described by his valet as "donkey's years old" crammed with junk from childhood and schooldays even baby clothes - as if he wanted to be able to cling on to some tangible identity in his rootless life. His mother was still in Athens, where she founded an order of nuns and where his uncle, George of Greece, had obtained his throne back as a result of a plebiscite in 1946 and was now installed as King George II of the Hellenes.

The remainder of his family. his three surviving sisters, were all living in Germany. fortunately for them in the Allied Zone. His sister Princess Sophie, widowed when

her husband. Prince Christopher of Hesse, was killed in italy during the war, was about to marry again, to Prince George of Hanover. Philip borrowed a Canadian army vehicle and dashed across war-ravaged Europe to turn up unexpectedly at the wedding at Salem in May

He was not only virtually homeless but also practically penniless, with only his naval pay to live on - just enough to run a black MG sports car. On his return to England he went to a naval training establishment at Corsham, near Bath, called HMS Royal Arthur. Whenever he had leave, he would dash up to London and beg a bed at the Mountbattens house at 16 Chester Street while they were spending the weekend at Broadlands.

The Mountbatten servants loved him: "He was so considerate, so anxious to avoid giving trouble to people who, after all, were paid to look after the family, that we all thought the world of him."

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ELIZABETH'S CHILDHOOD

lizabeth saw a good deal more of her parents than most children of her age and class, certainly more than the children of the international smart set who were left behind as their parents visited each other's houses for weekends or holidayed in Venice and the South of France in summer and at ski resorts such as Kitzbühel in winter. The Yorks never went abroad except on duty.

The Duchess of York taught Elizabeth to read, much as her mother had taught her, reading Bible stories aloud on Sunday mornings and "the right sort of books" on winter evenings. They would sing songs around the piano after tea and then start on children's stories - Alice. Black Beauty. Peter Pan - and anything about horses and dogs"

In the spring of 1932, Miss Crawford joined the Yorks' household as Elizabeth's governess. Marion Crawford was a tall, slim, 23-year-old Scots girl, independent-minded and ambitious, who had trained at Moray House in Edinburgh teaching underprivileged children.

Crawfie first saw Elizabeth sitting up in bed driving an imaginary horse with a pair of toy reins. When asked if she usually drove in bed. Elizabeth replied seriously: "I mostly go once or twice round the park before I go to sleep. It

exercises my horses." She and Margaret had a collection of more than 30 toy horses, each one of which would be solemnly unsaddled before they went to bed. Her favourite games involved toy horses and she groomed, fed and watered them, keeping the necessary brushes and pails lined up in the corridor outside

her nursery. At their first meeting. Crawfie had been struck by the "long, comprehensive look" the child gave her. The six-year-old Elizabeth already had a sharp and critical eye "She never misses a thing." her friends and courtiers

would later say of her). Crawfie found Elizabeth almost too self-disciplined: her passion for orderliness amounting almost to an obsession. She would sort the coffee sugar crystals given by her parents as a treat after luncheon into sizes, while Margaret simply gulped them down. After Crawfie once told her sententiously. "nothing is im-

possible if you try hard

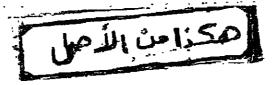
enough", Elizabeth took her at her word and went on trying night after night to place her shoes exactly parallel under her chair, with her clothes carefully folded on it. Education was not at a

premium in the York family. As Crawfie recalled: "No one ever had employers who interfered so little. I had the feeling that the Duke and Duchess. most happy in their own married life, were not overconcerned with the higher education of their daughters. As far as other children were concerned, the children's life was by no means as isolated as Crawfie made out in her book, although the circle of their friends was

children's parties at 145 Picca-Elizabeth had a particular friend named Sonia Graham-Hodgson, the daughter of a distinguished Harley Street radiologist. Exquisitely dressed in party dresses by Allah [Clara Knight, their nursel, the Princesses would go out to other children's parties, which the nannies enjoyed more than the child-

exclusive. There were frequent

Ordinarily, Elizabeth's day would start with a visit to her parents' bedroom after breakfast, then a morning of halfhour lessons with a break for



"...From the age of ten, Elizabeth was used to pomp and ceremony"







Elizabeth's life: clockwise from top left, at Olympia, 1932; tired, with her mother; watching the King; and at a birthday party

elevenses and recreation, followed by reading before lunch, which the girls would usually eat with their parents when at home.

Singing, dancing, music or drawing lessons took place in the afternoon, followed by tea, when, in the days before he became besotted with Wallis Simpson, Uncle David would often join them and stay for card games (his home, York House in St James's Palace, being only a short walk away). Then it would be bathtime, attended by their mother and father, and riotous games such as pillow fights in the nursery until Allah called time

Elizabeth was, of course, unaware of the problems which Uncle David was already causing his family. The likelihood of the Prince of Wales marrying a suitable girl now seemed increasingly re-

From the day her father became King, when she was ten, Elizabeth was becoming accustomed to the extraordinary pomp and ceremony surrounding her parents, so that to her it appeared a normal part of life. This included the swarm of Household and staff with medievalsounding names: the Lord Chamberlain, the Keeper of the Privy Purse, the Mistress

of the Robes, the Yeomen of the Silver and Gold and of the China and Glass Pantry, the Pages of the Chambers, the Pages of the Backstairs and of the Presence (all adult men. not boys as their titles would

The King and Queen were already training Elizabeth for the day when she would be at the head of this vast establishment. Since she had become the obvious heir to the Throne, they were taking her education more seriously. "I have started my daughter on Latin," the Duchess of York had told Osbert Sitwell in January

Elizabeth was often there when her parents entertained diplomats to lunch. On one such occasion in 1937. Sir Miles Lampson, the British envoy to Cairo, was amused to see the King fiddling with the knobs of his recently acquired television set, unable to make

"Long before most children do," Crawfie wrote, "Lilibet took an interest in politics, and knew quite a bit about what was going on in the world outside ... the King would also talk to his elder daughter more seriously than most fathers do to so young a child ... it was as if he spoke to an

Her parents were anxious

that she and her sister should. as far as possible, feel that they were ordinary children and a part of the world beyond the Palace walls. The result was the formation of the 1st **Buckingham Palace Company** of Girl Guides (at Elizabeth's insistence, two Brownies were added to the Palace Company so that Margaret, too young to a fully-fledged Guide. should not feel left out). The idea was that it should be a substitute for going out to school, so that the Princesses

should meet and play with and compete with other children on an equal basis. s an exercise in democracy, it was somewhat limited. dukes' daughters and Mount-

battens - it wasn't at all democratic," one former member said. The other girls were expected to curtsy to the Princesses. The first meeting, Crawfie recalled, was spoilt by the attendant nannies and governesses, while the children wore their best party frocks and white gloves.

Some of the more parapered children were shown up in a game which involved taking off their shoes and piling them in a heap in the middle of the floor, then finding them, putting them back on and racing to see who could get back to the starting line first. This never went very well," Crawfie wrote, "as quite half the children did not know their own shoes! Lilibet and Margaret told me this with scorn. There was never any nonsense of that kind in their nursery."

The education of women was not considered important in royal and aristocratic circles, where it was regarded merely as a necessary tool for those unfortunates who would have to earn their living and irrelevant to the needs of girls whose destiny was marriage. Queen Mary seems to have been the only member of the family who was concerned that the girls should be well educated. She remonstrated with her daughter-in-law over the fact that the children's education was confined to

their governess. "I don't know what she meant," the Duchess of York told a friend. "After all, I and my sisters only had governesses and we all married well one of us very well ..."

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Under siege but unbowed

guered royal biographer. For the past seven days, Sarah Bradford's home has been besieged, her answer machine clogged even her former husband approached by those hoping for some bit of salacious gossip. In addition, her hyacinths have rotted away through

neglect.
Bar the hyacinths, Bradford regrets little. She remains, however, astonished that the serialisation of her biography of the Queen should have provoked such interest and outcry.

When she began, six years ago, her project was seen almost as anorak prose the biographical equivalent of train spotting. "The Queen?" friends would ask, bemused. "How dull." "I thought they were quite wrong. The

way she operates, the way she lives... how could that be dull?" Events have proved more exciting than she might have wished, but she was unshakeable. As a respected and established biographer, she had already laid the foundations for her latest work. Her book on George VI was the first step. This was a natural progression. I knew all the personal sources, all the archival sources, and I wanted to carry on."

in those days, as she is quick to point out, the Royal Family remained unsullied by scandal. The Prince of Wales was, so far as the public knew, still ensconced in a fairy-tale marriage. There was no

hint that royal biography was to become the black art of literary scance. But even then, Bradford knew her brief reference to the fact that the Duke of Edinburgh may have been unfaithful which has largely caused this week's furore - would be contentious.

"I started with a completely open mind. Then you're faced with the problem we're talking about, and you realise you cannot dodge it. It is part of their relationship — the wise way the Queen has dealt with it, by allowing him complete independence and not inquiring. If I had dodged it, I could have been accused of writing propaganda. I hope I've put it in context. It's not important in terms of the marriage, which has always been a very strong relationship.
"I hoped too that it might stop all sorts

of 'nudge nudge, wink wink' stories." In this Bradford was, if not naive, then certainly optimistic. Many anecdotes proffered to her on a

range of matters, she chose to omit. "You do have to think about the consequences. Some stories are too bad to mention, and

I wouldn't touch them — true or not."

Nevertheless, among much unctuous hand-wringing by the moralisers, among the headlines citing royal "dismay" and Palace "bombshells",

f a week is a long time in politics, it is
an eternity in the life of a beleaation, even her figure (she is reported to munch while writing) have all been unkindly and meticulously raked over. Some of it she finds simply funny.

"Someone wrote about my bourgeois family and the defunct Irish peerage. My husband is not defunct. He is alive. You can see him upstairs."

As for the shurs on her reputation, she is sanguine. Her contacts, she knows, are impeccable. "People are at liberty to impugn my reputation, although those who know me know I do not say things without foundation."But neither will she identify those impeccable sources who have helped her. "I'm not in the business



Taking the flak: Sarah Bradford

of naming names either. That way, if there's any flak over this book, then I get

She is too honest to pretend that her book has not also stung those whose lives it uncovers. "My job is to try to get inside the Queen's mind, to put the picture painstakingly together from evidence. I don't suppose she's unterly delighted, or that she can understand my motivation. But if you write biography, you have to tell the whole truth."

Nor, she imagines, will Princess Margaret — portrayed as trapped in endless unsuitable relationships, unhappy, threatening suicide — be rushing out to place a bulk order. "Princess Margaret will be joily annoyed; but no, it won't have caused her pain. She'll say it's disgraceful, no doubt, but I've explained why she is how she is."

The troubles were not all born of meticulous research. The Princess of Wales's Panorama interview, the Queen's divorce letter - every new twist in the royal plot had to be incorporated into her book. And now it is finished and the copies are stacked for sale, the saga rambles on. She has not been astonished by the latest twist — the Queen's refusal to underwrite the Duchess of York's seven-figure overdraft. She knows her

subject too well for that.

She seems to be taking a tougher line all round. Fergie may once have been the indulged daughter-in-law, but not now. The Queen is concerned about the bad effect this consumer spending of the younger royals has on the public. She's not prepared to sub up any more, and I

think that's right." Bradford is a direct woman, accus-tomed to directness in return. She is also sternly critical of herself, and where she has regrets she is ready to admit them. She is sorry now, she says, that she mentioned — although not by name — the lady-in-waiting who pointed out to the Queen the Duke's roving eye, lost her job and subsequently committed suicide.

The paperchase was elementary, she acknowledges, for the news-papers which did choose to name her. That was very distressing, and I think it's awful."

Otherwise, she is unbowed and unre-pentant. How easy for critics to accuse her of cashing in, but, as she points out, at the time she embarked on her book, royal biography was scarcely goldmine territory. "I certainly wasn't in it for the

money. In 1990 no one was paying millions for that sort of thing."

Titled, a former debutante, she would appear to her detractors the ideal infiltrator. One of us. A woman silkily placed to infiltrate royal circles and glean

what scurrilous detail she might.

But she is unafraid. "If you are convinced that what you have done is right, nothing is a problem. I have my reputation as a serious writer, someone who doesn't invent, who keeps confidentiality and does her homework. I have to live with myself. That is what is

important. Her book will be on sale within days. which, she says, will be an immense relief, for then both her detractors and the many who have phoned with messages of goodwill can make up their

own minds. And she will be able to start a new project - not, it may be a relief to hear, the House of Windsor. "No, that's enough for a bit. So don't expect Queen

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JAZZ AND CABARET

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FOURTH WORLD: Airto Moreira's high-ociane fusion band. Fourth World, offers a breathtaking impersonation of a tropical thunderstorm. The combination of Moreira's incandescent percussion. Flora Purim's multi-octave vocals and Jose Nero's apocalypuc guitar solos has made the group one of the most popular attractions at Ronnie Scott's in recent years. Fourth World: Ronnie Scott's Frith St. London WI (0171-439 (1747), tonight to Sat Feb 10, support set from 9 30pm.

NICOL WILLIAMSON/MARTY GROSZ: Given his fiery reputation. Nicol Williamson's cabaret audience could be forgiven for laying bets on whether the distin-guished Shakespearean and allround hellraiser will storm off the stage before he reaches his final number. Accompanied by the pianist Cliff Hall and the guitarist Chris Rae, he will be re-visiting his favourite jazz standards. Every bit as colourful as Williamson, Marry Grosz is a master of 1920s sweet jazz and shaegy dog stories. Be-ware his insidious puns and doubles entendres: this is the man who brought us the immortal album Songs I Learned at My Mother's Knee and Other Low Joints.

Williamson: Pizza on the Park. Knightsbridge. London SW1 (0171-235 5273). Mon 22 to Sat 27, 9.15pm. 11.15pm.

Grosz: Pizza Express. Dean St. London WI (0171-439 8722), Wed 24. Thur 25, Sat 27, 8,30pm: Pizza Express. Earl St. Maidstone (01622 683548), Fri 26.

DANCE

John Percival

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: For 50 years this has been the Royal Ballet's signature tune, even if the kinky designs commissioned by Anthony Dowell for the present production clash with its status as the most magnificent of 19thcentury classical ballets. It returns to the repertoire today for a run of 15 performances spread over a month. The title role is danced by Muriel Valtat this afternoon. Viviana Durante tonight and Thursday, Miyako Yoshida on Monday. Sylvie Guillem on Tuesday and Friday, and Leanne Benjamin on Wednesday

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (0171-304 4000), today, 2pm and 7pm; Mon 22 to Fri 26, 7,30pm; Mon 29, Wed 31. February 1, 6, 30, 22 at 7,30pm: February 3, 2pm and 7pm.

SPRING DANCE '96: Nottingham Playhouse presents a week of performances by three dance companies. The African ensemble Adzido opens with Thand'Abantwana ("Love the Children") on Monday and Tuesday: V-Tol gives Mark Murphy's in the Privacy of My Own on Thursday: and, on Friday, Mark Baldwin's company premieres Mirrors, a murder mystery developed on computer, with music by Rayel.

Playhouse, Wellington Circus. Nottingham (0115 941 9419), Mon 22 to Fri 26, 7,30pm. (5)

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Wentworth has hung paintings he

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EL HORSON'S CHOICE Francis

RICHARD WENTWORTH: Be prepared for a shock at Christ Church's venerable Picture Gal-

al Academy is immensely enjoyable. The wild, graffiti-like vigour of his early drawings gives way to stillness when he discovers California. Water-sprinklers cascade over empty lawns, and although some of these images are cool, none explore negative emotions. Only in recent years has Hockney departed from

his optimistic vision — most powerfully in the gaunt head studies of his old friend Henry Geldzahler, fading away on his death-bed. Royal Academy of Arts. Piccadilly. London W1 (0)71-439 7438), until Jan 28. 🔊

Outside, books half-buried in the

Dean's Lawn convey Wentworth's

ambivalent feelings about the at-

mosphere of learning. This exhibi-tion is a pilot project, organised in

collaboration with The Laboratory

at the Ruskin School of Drawing

and Fine Art. They hope it will lead

to the creation of an annual Visual

Arts Fellowship at the University.

and so do I.

MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

PLAY AND DISPLAY: Sokari Douglas Camp features in this exhibition both as sculptor and as curator: she has been asked to select works from the permanent collection of the Museum of Mankind to complement her own new works. She cames from the Kalabari area of Nigeria, where a feature of local culture is the exclusively male art of the masquerade, in which the young men. elaborately caparisoned, dance and play drums. Five huge steel figures by Camp, evoking the masqueraders, dominate the show, but they are put into a context of video and audio recordings. Whether Camp has managed to assert a female claim to performance is doubtful. but the effect is very exciting. Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, London WI (0171-323)



Art of the masquerade: Iriabo by Sokari Douglas Camp

WILLY RONIS: A contemporary of Doisneau and Cartier-Bresson this French photographer is now 85 and much less known than either. Partly this is because he deliberately withdrew from the Parisian photographic scene in 1956, and was not rediscovered until 1979. In the 1940s and early 1950s he was a successful member of the Rapho agency, but he parted company with them over the political ends to which his pictures were turned. Certainly to judge by the more than 250 pictures in this show, his values have always been humane rather

Mead Gallery. Warwick Arts Centre. University of Warwick, Coventry (01203 524524), Mon-Sat, noon-opm, until March 16. & THEATRE

than specifically political.

The main attraction: José Neto will be performing his apocalyptic guitar solos with the high-octane fusion band Fourth World at Ronnie Scott's in London (see Jazz)

Benedict Nightingale

THE DUCHESS OF MALFI: If you want a soft, meek Jacobean heroine in period velvet, avoid Cheek by Jowl's revival of Webster's thunderer. Anastasia Hille's Duchess stalks coolly about in Edwardian gowns, and proceeds to give her vengeful twin. Scott Handy's Ferdinand, the odd slap around the chops. She, though powerless, is tough and he, though powerful, is weak; one of many unconventional twists in a production that, as directed by Declan Donnellan, always fascinates. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road. London WCI (0171-369 1746). Evenings: Mon to Sat, 7.30pm; mati-

THE JUNGLE BOOK: Tim Supple's version of the Mowgli stories is as true to Kipling as his Grimm Tales were to the bloodthirsty German brothers, and makes even more demands on lively imaginations. Supple's cast makes you believe that a bulky bare-headed man with a pole is a mesmeric python, a raging fellow with an animal skin over his shoulders is a killer tiger and a circle of red earth is the animalcrammed Indian jungle. Young Vic. The Cut. London SEI (0171-928 0363). Evenings: Sat 20

nees: Thur. Sat. 2.30pm.

and Tues 23 to Sat 27, 7pm: matinees: Sat 20 and Sat 27 at 2.30pm. Mon 22 at 10.30am. Tues 23 and Thur 25 at 1.30pm.

ROCK

David Sinclair

BJORK: The Icelandic chanteuse has conquered hearts and charts with her loopy version of Betty Hutton's old showtune It's Oh So Quiet. But that is just the tip of the ceberg. Often seductive and always startling, in concert she deploys a voice as sweet and sour



Sweet and sour Björk: cool sounds from the Icelandic singer

as summer fruit, ranging across the fields of jazz, torch singing. reggae. Indian music and indierock. With two Brit Awards for her first album (Début) under her belt, she is back among the nominees for this year's event.

G-Mex. Manchester (2) (0161-832 9000). Jan 20; Bournemouth International Centre (5) (01202 297297). Jan 22; Wembley Arena 🖏 (0181-900 1234), Jan 25.

THE MAVERICKS: America's hottest country band originated in Miami not Nashville, and draws

Elisabeth Shue shows her mettle as the hooker who gives Cage support and love.

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OPERA

Rodney Milnes

LOVE LIFE: Kurt Weill's "lost" Broadway musical is given its European premiere by ever-enterprising Opera North, It's a "concept" show years ahead of its time (1948) about marriage, but marriage seen through 150 years of American history, from the postrevolution apple-pie optimism of 1791 through industrial revolution and depression to the present day. A vaudeville team comments acidly from the sidelines on the disinte-gration of Susan's and Sam's all-American dream, divorce and — depending on the production — possible reconciliation. Book and yrics are by the much-married Alan Jay Lerner, and Weill and Lotte Lenya, divorced and remarried, so it's kind of personal. Margaret Preece and Alan Oke sing the leads, Caroline Gawn directs, and the conductor is Wyn

Grand Theatre. New Briggate. Leeds (0113-244 097) or 245 935). Wed 24 (preview), 6pm: Thur 25 (first night), 7.15pm. 20

LA BOHEME: All the action is in Leeds this week. Phyllida Lloyd has returned to re-direct her outstanding production of Puccini's tearjerker, set in 1950s Paris, with a new, young cast. The staging is also extremely tunny, and full of wittily observed period detail in Anthony Ward's decor. Fresh, ardent singing from Margarer Richardson, Tito Beltran and Karl Daymond. and exceptional conducting by Jean Yves Ossonce. Don't miss it.

Grand Theatre, New Briggate,
Leeds (0113-244 0971 or 245 9351).

Fri 26, 7.15pm.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

IVES WEEKEND: A first encounter with the music of Charles Ives (1884-1954) can leave the listener reeling with amazement. Other composers - Mahler, for instance. whom ives revered - talked about "embracing the whole of existence" in their symphonies. Ives actually did, in a literal and often seemingly chaotic way, weaving together vast impressionistic fabrics of marching-bands, hymns, folksongs and everyday sounds. But the chaos, on closer examination, is superbly organised. Ives, who built up a successful insurance business in his "real life", was not simply an American pioneer. He was a great musical original who anticipated many of the supposed avant-garde developments of the 20th century.

The BBC's Ives weekend (including talks, films and an exhibition as well as the concerts) brings together an impressive array of fine performers, including the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the London Sinfonietta, the conductors Andrew Davis and Oliver Knussen and the singers Thomas Hampson and Dawn Upshaw. Highlights should be the performance of the moving Third Symphony (tonight, 8pm); and tomorrow's finale (7.30pm) which includes the Fourth Symphony, requiring colossal resources and therefore almost never done. Barbican Hall, Silk Street, London EC2 (0171-638 8891), today, tomor-

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CINEMA GUIDE

inspiration from the ballad singing

of Roy Orbison, easy-listening crooners such as Tony Bennett and

more predictable role models such as Buck Owens. It's a formula

which has put the Mavericks in the forefront of a wave of modern acts.

including k.d. lang. Lyle Lovett. Chris Isaak and Alison Krauss.

who have lifted country music out

of its specialist ghetto and restored

it to its rightful place at the heart of

Shepherds Bush Empire, London

W12 (0181-740 7474). Jan 25. 26:

University of East Anglia, Norwich (5) (01603 505401). Jan 28:

Manchester University (0161-275

2930), Jan 29: Royal Concert Hali, Glasgow & (0141-227 5511), Jan 30.

Geoff Brown

DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS (15):

Atmospheric version of Walter

Mosley's crime novel. Charismatic

Denzel Washington takes the role

of Mosley's amateur detective Easy

Rawlins. Hired to find a mysteri-

ous lady - the devil in a blue dress

- he stumbles over the usual

debris: corpses, police, politicians and corruption. Director Carl

Franklin fills the film with humour

Curzon West End (0171-369 1722);

LEAVING LAS VEGAS (18): "I

came here to drink myself to

death!" Nicolas Cage announces.

He sets about the task with

sensitivity and dedication, though

the film's narrow focus does make

YOU yearn for somehody to call last

orders. Mike Figgis directs more

for art than entertainment, relish-

ing Vegas's tacky splendour.

and dramatic surprises.

Ritzy (0171-737 2121).

FILMS

mainstream popular music.

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

MGM Trocadero (5) (0171 434 (031) Odeon Kensington (01426 914666) Plaza (0171-437 1234) ANGELS AND INSECTION

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Denzel Washington tracks the Devil in a Blue Dress

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Actors struggle to mount Hamset Over-manic comedy from Kenneth Branagh, with Michael Maloney, Joan Collins MgM Haymarket (0711-839 1527) Odeon Mezzanine (2) (01428 915663)

MURDER IN THE FIRST (15) Flashy but absorbing Alcatraz drama, with Nevin Bacon, Christian Stater and Gary Oldman, Director, Marc Rocco MEDI Trocadero E (0171-434 0031) Warner (2) (0171-437 4343)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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INSIDE STORY

Norman Travers (centre), who asked Dr Kiley-Worthington to train his elephants

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It seems a sort of unwritten
rule of biography that "remarkable" people are never
"nice". Rather, they are irascible, socially inept, arrogant, driven, blind to their own faults, fanatically evangelical in spreading their particular creeds. Thinkers ahead of their time also seem to have "difficult" relationships with their families and colleagues, and to spend a good deal of their lives howling their philosophies in the wilderness. That about sums up my mum.

n 1971 she horrified the inhabitants of the Sussex stockbroker belt, and the agricultural establishment, by starting an organic farm. For a decade we put up with "muck and magic" jokes, police raids on suspicion of pot-peddling, and ostracism at school. Now it's rare to find any lecturer in agriculture who would confess to ever having been cynical about the merits of eco-triendly agriculture, and Sussex housewives have turned green.

Her pioneering work on the pigs and veal calves prompted should not be seen as useful, animal rights campaigners to boycott factory farms. As she is a meat eater and user of animals, the campaigners can't stand her, while she accuses them of wanting to set up a form of "animal apart-

heid" and "animalstans". Her work on animal thinking and research into their emotional lives has caused her to be labelled a sentimental crank by some of her colleagues. In the past five years she has rolled eco-agriculture and her work with animal behaviour into one package, and lives according to her principles in a "multi-species dwelling" (a barn in Devon) which she shares with Arab horses, llamas, sheen, cattle chickens. dogs - and the few humans who can tolerate a thunderbox

for a lavatory, and back issues of the Yellow Pages for paper. While studying for a second doctorate, this time in applied philosophy and animal ethics, her main obsession these days is to explore inter-species rela-

between humans and other animals. In the blurring of the borders between "wild" animals and humans may lie their salvation. Toto, and the five other tame

elephants at the Imire Ranch are part of a exclusive club of fewer than 50 elephants in Africa that can be ridden by man. The most famous group is owned by an American, Randall Moore, who has run the hugely successful Ele-phant Back Safaris in Botswana's Okavango Swamp since 1990. The longest running family of backed nellies. descendants of King Leopold I's elephant cavalry, lives in jungle isolation in Zaire's Garamba National Park. Whereas Mr Moore likes to

keep his skills to himself, for understandable commercial reasons, and Zaire's mahouts are idle because of that country's domestic chaos, Mr Travers at limite Ranch is amoious to spread the idea that Africa's elephants can be of more use to man than as a target for the tourist's camera or hunter's

"in Airica, the areas where elephants can live are getting smaller and smaller. But man has used animals for thousands of years, and I see no behavioural abnormalities in reason why the elephant

She lives in a barn with llamas, horses, cows and

rather than as a pest for those living alongside them," says Mr Travers, whose love of elephants comes from years spent hunting them in the Zambesi valley.

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Toto, Nyasha, Chaka, Zulu, Makavushi, and Lundi (the only female) were all or-phaned when their parents

between eight and 15 years ago. Hand-reared by Mr Travers and his wife, Jill, they were ridden by children while they were youngsters but, as Mr Travers says: "When they became big and stroppy, we had to give it up."

Later, with the help of a friend who trained polo po-nies, Mr Travers found that

the already tame elephants powerful, you can see much further from their backs, they were amazingly easy to ride. "It took us only a couple of days to get on their backs. It is are silent, and they don't get punctures," he says. ridiculous that we don't utilise He hired my mother to come them more. If they can have a to his magnificent ranch,

happy and productive life they can be useful to the tourist elephants, to teach his team of industry, African farmers, and Shona mahouts how to train even anti-posching units. their elephants to go on to greater things. Many Africans like to see wild animals at a very safe distance — or on the Chum Gosho, the chief ma-

> no orphans from poachers. "All our friends think we use magic to ride the elephant," he The impression that one needs special powers to deal with the vast nellies affected more than the local tribesmen. "My God," said Judy Travers.

Norman's daughter-in-law,

after watching the doctor in a

Picture on page 1

showing Dr Marthe Kiley-

Worthington training the

young elephants on

Norman Travers's Imire

Ranch in Zimbabwe, and

can *shaman* who mutters secretos in the ears of hout, chuckled as we rode magical, realist beasts. The Nyasha through the bush on a patrol which was guarding Mr Travers's seven black rhiapplications of body language, observation of an animal's attention span (most bore easi-

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ly) and the constant use of one's voice to signal approval and disapproval - backed up with rewards of horse nuts for getting things right.

The process is painfully slow but produces a bond between man and beast which is hard to break. After a week of training with the doctor,

certainly her inspiration. She

would like to be able to talk

with animals. Why else spend

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training session. "She's just Imire's human residents gathlike Dr Dolittie." The hero of ered for a demonstration of the children's books, which what the animals had learnt. my mother grew up on, is

The first week or so is the most important in training an animal such as an elephant. The main breakthrough is to ensure that the elephants, which are highly intelligent and quick to pick up new skills, grow to appreciate the emotional rewards of pleasing their handlers before they grow into four-tonne, randy feviathans.

Then it dawned on me, the demonstration is the trainer's payoff. As the large Travers family cooed and clapped at the performances of the elephants, who lifted their feet, swung their legs, picked up old car tyres, and allowed their handlers to swing on their tusks on command, my mother shivered with pleasure. Through animals she can get the approval she craves from the one species to which she cannot relate — her own.



After years of research, Dr Kiley-Worthington has a way with animals --- even an obstinate one-and-half tonne young elephant

where tourists can ride the



Lesson learnt five young elephants, now mounted by mahouts, succumb to the doctor's no-nonsense training methods

the three pictures on this page, by SAM KILEY tionships; in particular, those Despite the distractions, Ruth Gledhill listens to a sermon at St Martin-in-the Fields, a refuge for the homeless At work, a lesson in Christian grace



AS SHE announced the collection, the woman priest glanced in our direction, her look spelling not exactly fear, but more a hesitant trepidation. The response was immediate, but perhaps not as bad as she had expected. "Give me a hundred pound

then," said a man lying face up and shoeless on the pew beside me with what can only be described as a loud mutter. We were at St-Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalear Square. a refuge for the homeless and the alcoholic, where the oppressive rows of blackened pews have become day-beds for those without night ones to sieeo on.

The Rev Clare Herbert, St Martin's part-time curate, was one of 30 preachers shortlisted for last year's Preacher of the Year award, organised by the College of Preachers and sponsored by The Times.

For many, such as Clare, preaching has become a strategic exercise in risk management. Hecklers and drunks are as regular as the services at St Martin's. Preachers there must be filled with humility if they are not to be totally humiliated. The thousands of preachers like her, struggling against apathy, indifference and boredom, week after week and often with little reward, are those who are most deserving of the highest praise. They are among the preachers The Times is trying to find and encourage in its annual award.

launched today for its second year. Feeling cowed by the emptiness of the building around us, we were at the monthly "World at Work" service, which for some reason is held on a Sunday evening, a time when most of the people who work around

chair on the chancel steps. The aim of this service is to continue to struggle to make some connection between the life of work and the life of the spirit," she said.

We thanked God for the places where we

worked, for our responsibilities and for the chance to care for those we worked with. The elderly man who had quietened us could now be heard making his way from the back of the church. He came to an unsteady rest in our pew as a petite, elderly woman in a camel coat began that week's lesson from St Paul. We could just make her out behind the lectern. struggling with the small print in the Alternative Service Book: "He was generous with his mercy . . . it is through grace that we have been saved."

We sang a hymn, and our new neighbour staired disconcertingly at me, muttering. I unreachable and outside all hope of repen-

when almost empty, as it was for our service. **

VICAR: The Rev Nicholas Holtam.

came out the victor, ****

Trafalgar Square are sensibly at home. Our coughing and paper rustling was quietened by a "shhhhhh" from the back as Clare took her gamely into her sermon, wisely speaking from the lectern, not from the pulpit, a black edifice hanging directly over our pew in traditional admonitory style.

As she began, our neighbour threw his green, woolly hat at me. One of the most difficult things about calling ourselves Christians is knowing what it means," she said. Various crashing noises erupted from our pew as our new friend searched for his lost gold earring beneath the wooden kneeler. "For me, being a Christian hinges around this word, grace." Our friend took his shoes off, extended himself lengthwise on the pew and made snuffling noises.

Speaking calmly, clearly and fairly fast, with the occasional watchful glance in our direction, Clare described Christ's "disgraceful death as a blasphemer, deemed to be

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★ A one to five star guide to the service ★

ARCHITECTURE: James Globs's famous 18th-century church with its Connthian columns

SERMON: By declaring any temptation to enter into bettle with her adversary, the preacher

MUSIC: The organist thundered out the tunes to hymne, breathing new life into our small,

SPIRITUAL HIGH: Against all the odds, this service was strangely exhibitating. ****

AFTER SERVICE CARE: Coffee, tea and biscuits served to all in the north porch. ***

choirless congregation where the loudest voices were also those most out of tune. **

LITURGY: An altempt to reconnect the world of work with God. **

seems to adapt to its congregation. Impressive and stately when full, it is dour and depressing

tance". Our neighbour interrupted with an "Oh. shut up".

She spoke of St Paul's conversion on the toad to Damascus and what the discovery of such grace might mean for all of us today. "It will mean dropping some of our heavy rules and regulations about what it means to be a good, successful, beautiful, happy, fulfilled person," she said. "Even more frightening still, it will probably mean dropping some of our religious rules about how and where we pray and how often we come to church. It is scary to let our assumptions drop as we find out what God wants us to look at next within nurselves."

She ended by describing a ramshackle garage near her home. It was a place where grease, dust and rubbish prevailed. But many people came daily to sit and talk with the mechanic. The place may be grimy but it is graceful," she said, as our neighbour began to snore. Grace overturns old assumptions, she continued. "setting us free to see God where not-God is expected, to take delight in places where the glory of God is to be revealed among the muck and grime of our lives."

We confessed to God that "the gifts you have given us are spoilt by our selfishness and lack of regard for your sovereign will," that we were sinful people and were sorry for our failures. There was a symbolic sharing of salt, when we went to the altar and took salt in our hands as if it were bread. I resisted the temptation to throw it over my shoulder.

We ended with a prayer for strength in our work and left for home with a sad goodbye to our lonely friend, who by some indefinable grace had done so much to cheer us.

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TRAVEL

FAMILY HOLIDAYS: Mary Ann Sieghart finds the recipe for domestic bliss in a French farmhouse ...

Daughter Evie was entranced by exhibits at the dinosaur park near Monflanquin

Be thankful for your Lot

often sigh for the BC era. Then we were adventurers and explorers. We high up in the Peruvian An-des We sailed around the Galapagos Islands. We trekked in the Himalayas and the Tatras and discovered the remotest parts of eastern Tur-key. Before Children, anything was possible.
Still my husband and I

fantasise. My favourite virtual holiday involves following the Silk Route from northern Pakistan to Kashgar in Chinese Turkestan. He wants to go to the more obscure islands in the Indonesian archipelago. Both of us are desperate to get to Vietnam before it becomes another Thailand. But fanta-It is true: children change

everything. They turn intrepid travellers, trekkers and backpackers into villa-renting, bucket-and-spading, estate-car parents, it is not just that you would be mad to take a four-year-old and a two-yearold in the back of a lorry thundering along the Karakoram Highway. Even if we were mean enough to take three weeks away from the children to do it on our own. we would no longer have the energy for such jaunts. The combination of two full-time jobs and a young family makes relaxing holidays a

Now that nannies no longer work weekends, working parents of small children often find themselves more exhausted on a Sunday evening than they felt on Friday night. Holidays are, therefore, the only opportunity to recharge rundown batteries. But they have to be carefully planned.



Cool retreat: stone farmbouses set among rolling hills are the perfect hideaway

ents? My checklist runs as follows: a large house with solid internal walls, help with the children, a sandy beach or swimming pool within easy walking distance, good food and weather, and another family with amusing parents and children of roughly the same age. In the old days. architecture, landscape and culture would have been top of my list of priorities: now they

are a bonus. This year, we spent consecutive weeks in two houses in France. The first, rented by some friends, was a rambling Victorian edge-of-town mansion in a charming resort on the Britanny coast. We took communal holidaying to the extreme: six parents, eight children under the age of seven (including two babies). three nannies and a cook. Of its type, it was bliss.

e went shrimping with the children every morning when the tide was low, took them to the beach after lunch, and handed them over to the nannies for tennis, ride, or collapse into bed. We are hugely and well but barely ventured beyond the immediate environs.

Then we drove down to the Lot with one of the two families. It was a pretty dreadket square. Ensconced in a cool stone farmhouse with a pretty garden and swimming pool, in what felt like a private valley, we had to wrench ourselves away for shopping Rolling hills, woods and val-leys give the Lot an intimacy

and verdancy that easily match the Dordogne. There is plenty to see and do if you want to ed Monflanquin, a delicious old hillion village, and another day we took the children to a nearby model dinosaur park and stalac-

But our local medieval hilliop village was as perfect as any visitor could wish for. Vieux Pujols consists of two long streets of chocolate-box prettiness, with an ancient market square, complete with cafe and church. From La Toque Blanche, the Michelin-starred restaurant on the opposite hill, you can watch the sunset turn the buildings' stone to a blushing gold (as well as eating the sort of food for which you would pay a small fortune in Britain).

In this house we cooked for ourselves: but it is no great strain to dribble olive oil and sprinkle fresh herbs over chicken, lamb, peppers, courgenes and aubergines on the barbecue. My first prerequisite thick walls - was sadly lacking. so we adults managed to sleep only as late as the earliestwaking baby or child each morning. But as a formula for an enjoyable holiday with small children, taking a house easily beats staying in hotels. The secret is not to be over-ambitious: remain in one place for as long as possible, and restrict sightseeing to the occasional day. Otherwise you return home as fired as you were when you set out

The Lot is a gorgeous place to holiday. Just south of the Dordogne and much less And as for Viemam, well, we live in hope. One day the children will grow up. And who touristy, you are unlikely to bump into a braying British acquaintance in the local marknows? We might even take them with us.

Getting there

recommended in a car without

air-conditioning (ours does

not). As soon as we arrived, we

determined to put the car on a

train for the return - which.

as it involves the much cheap-

er and shorter Dover/Calais

crossing, turns out not much

more expensive and far less

time-consuming than driving

back to St Malo and taking the

overnight ferry. It also avoids

the cost of petrol and motor-

way tolls. The auto-train does

demand hours of hanging

around at each end but, once

aboard, you simply go to sleep and wake up at Calais. On the

fractiousness scale, it leaves

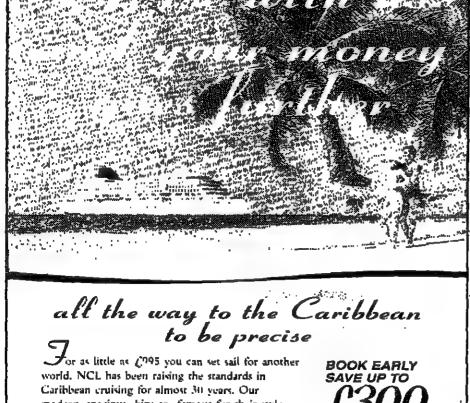
parents far less frazzled than

The author travelled independently with Brittany Ferries from Portsmouth to St Malo (£229 each way for three adults, two children. a car and a four-berth cabin). Reservations and information: 0990 360360.

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... while for John O'Leary there is endless entertainment at a holiday complex in France

A smarter way to live it up on the Riviera

each year, a summer holiday on the Continent comes down to a choice between luxury camping, a villa or an apartment. It was only a matter of time before someone tried to carve out a new market by marrying the best features of each.

That is precisely what Eurocamp, the biggest of the fixed-site operators, has tried to do with its Eurovillages venture, which is about to start its second season.

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Indeed, French Center Parcs in Normandy and the 000132 Valley are among the 31 locations in the Eurovillages' programme for 1996. The company has bought into holi-day villages and apartment complexes, mainly in France, just as it has always done on the best campsites. This gives customers access to already successful complexes around the Mediterranean and in other popular holiday des-

Studios and apartments come in all shapes and sizes, in relatively peaceful clusters of 40, or bustling, self-contained villages of more than 1,000 units. All have pools and offer at least one major sporting facility, such as a golf course.

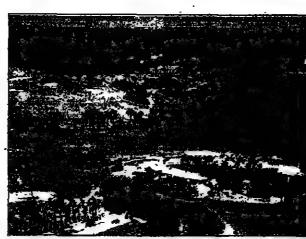
The flagship village of Cap Esterel, sprawling across a hillside on a particularly attractive stretch of the Côte d'Azur, has them all. This enormous, but beautifully designed develop-

Cannes is about as far from want to be. It would be the old idea of a holiday camp able sport is available, from archery to volleyball, and there is even a mini-train to take the effort out of a trip to

the beach or supermarket.

A nine-hole golf course snakes its way around the 1,400 apartments, its heavy watering creating a steamy microclimate in summer. The 20 termis courts are in constant use, and everywhere you go you encounter crocodiles of eager youngsters on their way to the climbing wall or the disco, or to learn scuba diving or surfboarding. Like much eise at Cap Esterel, activities for children are not cheap, but they are superbly organised.

There lies the rub for British families. The state of the pound means that there is no such thing as a cheap holiday in France unless you are planning the equivalent of a monastic retreat — not a-realistic proposition with three children in tow. Cap Esterel's eight restaurants, bars, shops and sporting facilities are all competitively priced in an in the cost of living.



Lazy days: a mini-train takes guests to the beach

expensive area, but that still

means serious money. The cheapest ice-lolly will set you

back more than £1, a round of golf more than £20.

The development belongs to the popular French chain

Pierre et Vacances, which runs

several of the Eurovillages

sites. Studios and apartments

are comfortable and well

equipped, with large balconies and optional extras such as television, phone and maid service. Nightly entertainment

on the central terrace can be

loud for young children, but

The development has been meticulously planned. The

huge lagoon-style pool, with water slide and every possible gadget, is a magnet for child-

ren, leaving a deeper and uncrowded alternative to

possible to spend a fortnight at

the site, but that would be to miss the coves of the Côte Sauvage and the unspoilt Es-

terel national park.
The Esterel, with 100 kilometres of paths but limited

access to cars, is a little-known gem of the Riviera. Complete

with wild boar, which congre-

gate photogenically at feeding time, the park is a forest with

often speciacular views. Pur-ther afield, the villages of Provence are within easy reach by car and, for those

looking for something more lively, Cannes and Nice are not far away.

lavishly equipped of the Eurovillages resorts, but the concept looks like a winner.

The numbers were encourag-

ing last summer despite the exchange rate, and the programme has expanded into

basic price of a holiday in one of the three locations outside France is not noticeably cheap-

er, but there should be savings

Eurovillages: fact file

☐ The author was a guest of Eurovillages, PO Box 81, Dalton Way, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 0UA (01606 734400, faz 01606 737193).

☐ Prices, which include Channel crossings for car and up to five passengers, vary considerably according to location and the level of facilities, as well as the time of year. For example, a six-person apartment with sea view at Cap Esterel will cost £1,000 more for a fortnight at the start of August than its equivalent at St Jean-de-Monts, on the coast of the Vendée.

[] Studios for four to five people at Cap Esterel start at £524 for a fortnight until the end of March, rising to £1,733 at the height of the season. Apartments for the same numbers start at £566 for £615 with season. Apartments in the same industrial as a sea view) and go up to £1,925 in the first two weeks of Angust, when a sea view costs an extra £84. There is a 10 per cent discount on

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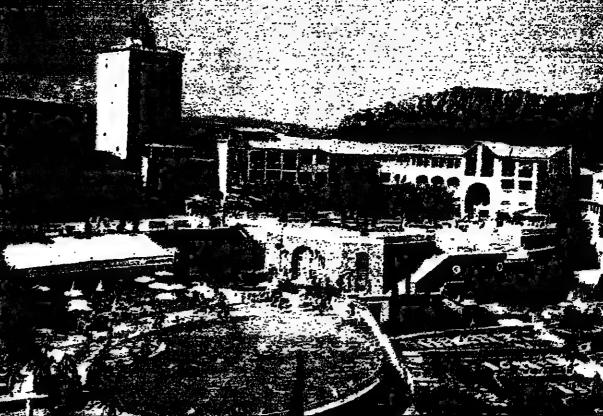
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FAMILY HOLIDAYS: Brian MacArthur on the teen scene in Turkey and Paul Hoggart visits Legoland



Hidden agenda: wise planning means that hotels and apartment blocks are never more than two storeys high at Oh Deniz, so they cannot be seen from the glorious beach

ay Turkey and the image conjured up will almost certainly be of the sweeping curve of the beach at Olu Deniz with its lagoon at one end and majestic mountains

It was here last summer that I tried an experiment. At 16, eenagers are on the cusp: they don't really want to go on holiday with their parents but they are not yet quite ready to go off on their own. After the ordeal of GCSEs, they certainly don't want an earnest cultural holiday. At the top of the agenda is a sunny beach

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summer tourist resort on the Lycian coast which offers deto Istanbul. We went half-board on a Thomson package to the Olu Deniz Resort Hotel, situated at cent hotels, a superb heach, and a sense of adventure by night without any of the the easternmost end of the accompanying sense of menbeach, away from the most ace that reputedly hangs over crowded areas and set in small blocks, where we had spacious rooms with balconies overcentres such as Bodrum. It is looking lush gardens bursting with fruit and flowers. The PRESIDENT HOLIDAYS
The Tree appricalist for beach was a two-minute walk away, although several tour-ists (British) preferred to spend their days by the hotel

> Once booked in, cash was banished. Guests buy books of vouchers which are used to pay for drinks and meals that are not included in the pack-age. At breakfast and dinner, the tables groaned with mountainous selections of hors d'oeuvres, chicken, lamb, fish, regetables and fruit

Turkey fact file: where to stay



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My daughter and her friend slept until nearly 10am, before setting off for a day on the beach, swimming, sunbathing and reading, interrupted when the heat became intolerable by a cheap snack at one of the restaurants behind the

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into the night, an anxious parent left behind with the thought that girls cannot al-Once dinner was over, by ways be protected if they are to

grow up and learn to cope on their own — but it was difficult. They survived, I sur-vived, though not without a few worrying moments when they had not returned to the hotel by midnight. But they were enjoying themselves hugely, meeting boys of all nationalities in the discos, afterwards sitting on the beach playing guitars.

he Deniz would not be to everybody's taste. It is now a mass tourist resort, although in early huly it was not umbearably overcrowded. Geography and wise planning also give it one big advantage. Behind the beach the land falls back, so from the sea and the beach, the hotels, all only one or two-storeys high, cannot be seen and you feel that you are swimming directly under the

Yet in the dip behind the beach there has grown a busy, busting, makeshift high street", a promenade of restaurants, cares, bazaars, bars and discos. At night, the resort throbs with life and music. It is lively without being yobbish, crowded or brutishly noisy.

It was not a holiday I would have chosen myself but it was enthusiastically voted a success by the two girls.

Mini village is a model of ingenuity

rine fantasy. The Brit-A ish enjoy old-world funfair vulgarity. The descendants of the mighty Viking Sven Forkbeard, however, have a 25-acre theme park devoted to tiny, noduled

The Danish inventor, Ole Kirk Christiansen, is a most unjust omission from the No-bel Peace Prize roll. Lego is capable of tranquillising a hyperactive monster in sec-

Ole bought his first plasticmoulding machine in 1947, and his tricksy little cuboids appeared soon afterwards. By the early Sixties the factory in Billund, Denmark, had so many visitors that his son Godifred decided to create an outdoor exhibition of models. Legoland opened in 1968, and Lilleby, the original model village, still lurks in the middle, a

bonsai version of world

Today the park offers rides and activities, pri-

marily for young children, but these are peripheral to what must be the world's largest and most intricate model village. I knew my children (aged three, six and nine) would love it, but expected to find it a trifle

naff myself. I was won over.

The heart of the park is
Miniland, a vast area of
reconstructed landmarks and landscapes, mainly from Teutonic Europe. There are palaces and castles, harbours, waterways and mountain villages, all meticulously copied

I found the Norwegian Lofo-ten island fishing village par-ticularly charming. "Medticularly charming. "Med-bourne" an English town modelled on buildings in Chester, York and Stamford, is drab in comparison.
The most exotic exhibits are

grouped around the mini-boat ride. A Lego Capitol sits beside a 30ft Statue of Liberty. The Acropolis and the Golden Temple of Bangkok squat

amid the mini vegetation. Beyond Miniland lies a primary-coloured toytown. Everything not actually built of Lego or Duplo (the chunky 95Y 10171-259 5958).

resemble them. Here a Lego chef stands outside a case; there a Lego Indian skulks on a frontier sidewalk. The "theming" is ferociously de-tailed. One café serves Legoshaped chips.

The park has a fine selection of "pink-knuckle" rides, exciting enough to thrill the under-tens. The best are the timber ride, a log-effect roller-coaster the Mine Train and Lego Canoe, which winds past life size American wilderness ani-mals before plunging down a water-splash. Toy animals abound particularly on Lego Safari, a jeep ride through an

African game reserve.
In Legoredo, the western frontier town, visitors can pan for gold or join the Indian tribe of Chief Playing Eagle. There's even a campfire where, for a small fee, you can bake twists

of fresh bread skewered on For the very young, Duplo-land offers heli-

copter, train and plane rides, and if it rains there's an indoor area with thousands of bricks lying around to play with.

To get an overview, start with the train ride round the park, or ascend Legotop, the 40-metre, revolving viewing platform. You can just about cover the park in one day but two-day passes are good value.

The Legoland Hotel is in the park, but there are many interesting places to visit in the area. We stayed in the Munkeblerg Hotel in Vejle, half an hour down the road, set in a wooded park full of sculptures and overlooking a fjord. The Hans Christian Andersen museum at Odense is within easy reach.

The new Legoland at Windsor is due to open this year. I wonder how well the phiegmatic Danish charm will survive the transition.

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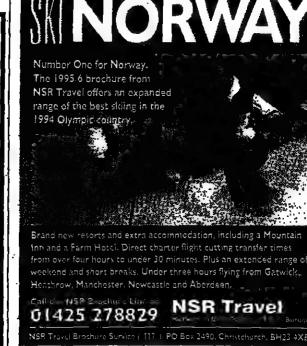
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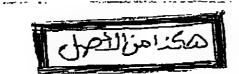
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holiday around the serendipitous pursuit of happy accidents. Agriturismo means you can wander around, enjoying a different Tuscan or Umbrian farmhouse every night if you want to, without booking and, although nothing that's good is

cheap in Italy, at a bargain price.
For those who first fell in love with Italy as backpackers, and then came back for the summer fortnight's lease of a converted barn, there's now the chance to reconcile the youthful adventure of travelling with the more middle-aged de-mands of comfortable, charming

and hospitable lodgings.

Leave the main road for the minor ones, and branch off on to those roads that the indispensable maps of the Automobile Club d'Italia mark in white, and start looking out for the bright yellow signposts which blossom at the occasional rustic crossroads. Most will be trumpeting the attractions of a ceramics shop, a farm selling oil and wine, a restaurant, a two-star notel; but sometimes there's a sign with the magic word "Agriturismo".

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This sign won't give you any clues about what to expect; you may be spending the night in a converted dovecore, furnished to top Italiandesign specifications, or actifing down in a simple, whitewashed room. Your bost may direct you to the village trattoria, or offer you a five-course dinner under the stars, with lasagne baked in a medieval oven, and the roasted results of a day's hunting. You have tasted the olive oil which the larmer sells at his gate, you will now taste the olive oil the farmer keeps for himself.

Those who love Italy as I do know where to 20, but as time passes we tend to go to fewer places, and to almost no new ones. We reconcile ourselves to the fact that we will probably never, after all, get round to seeing the place we really wanted to — in my case Gubbio.

The pleasure of an unplanned img whenever we wanted, even timerary is in not knowing what during the heat of the day when the contourned may bring. Those who get set of bookings should not embark on the agrituristic trail.

The state tourist board supplies a list of about 3,500 farmhouses, which offer accommodation at all levels, and feature activities such as riding and fishing. These are pri-marily intended to be booked by the week, but many will have a room for the night. A double room will cost L40,000-L75,000 (about E17-E32), but the prices bear no relation to the relative comfort and amenity. The

best place my family found hap-pened to be the cheapest.

There always is a room, some-where During the crowded school summer boliday in Chiantishire, for instance, we knocked on the door of the Podere San Quirico, a 14th-century farmhouse on a hill sur-rounded by vineyards, and found two of its four double bedrooms free. Each was furnished in old Tuscan style, with great chestnut wardrobes and wrought iron bedsteads. Chickens clucked in the garden, where a hayloft had been converted to provide separate, self-contained accommodation for up to five guests. There was a large communal kitchen, which no one seemed to use except to store mineral water in a capacious

fridge. A riding school is nearby.

San Quirico is a town on the
Chiantl wine road, where many of the old estates have been converted into residential villages - expensive, soulless and artificial townships which should not be confused with the true spirit of agritarismo. Some will enjoy the cloying hunry, but these Stepford villages, where the original inhabitants have all eerily turned into waiters, have a deadness about them.

We were on a fly-drive holiday, and for summertime touring it is important to have an air-conditioned car. Our tiny, purple Renault Twingo looked like a surprised frog. but its ferocious blasts of cool air meant that we could do our travel-

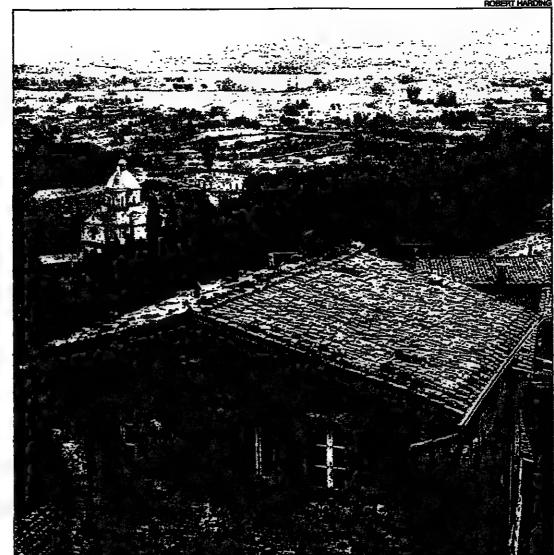
We did miss the swimming pool of the farmhouse where we have spent countless summer fortnights. but open-air village pools are available in an emergency, and provide an opportunity to observe Italian youth in full strut.

There were some duds along the way: a farmhouse near Ravenna run by an Italian Basil Fawlty was a touch too rustic, and some farm-houses are modern, with large, dark, characterless rooms. But if that's the case, you move on - and discover, for instance, the Fattoria del Cerretino near Umbertide in the Tiber valley. Set on a hill surrounded by fields of tobacco, sunflowers, vines and olives, a complex of three farmhouses has been sensitively converted. There's a choice of simple double-rooms with bath, or self-catering apartments in the old granary or tobacco-drying tower.

inaldo Gianelli, the owner, has plans for a pool and a tennis court this summer, and he'll lend you mountain bikes to explore the estate, or to go to the local lake to fish. If you do nothing else, eat Signora Gianelli's home-made pasta and his treasured local truffles as the the night sky turns to blue velvet.

The fattoria is on the spectacular mountain road to Cortons, and the nearby autostrade put Perugia and Assisi well within reach.

The best venue, unexpected as ever, came on the last night. Strategically poised for Pisa airport, we looked for somewhere to lay our heads around Lucca (twinned, intriguingly, with Abingdon, Berk-shire). Spotting the local tourist office, I lost a 10,000 lire bet with my sons that, on a Sunday afternoon, it would not be open - after all, would the Abingdon office be open in similar circumstances? Luces 3 was and a helpful assistant phoned the Piccola Residenza di Vilia l'Ulivo in the hills to the north. The old



The Tuscan countryside and its farmhouse stopovers are attracting the more adventurous travellers

farmhouse has a beautifully converted barn, which can accommodate three, or, in perfect romance, two. It has been simply and exquisitely refurbished by its owner, Luca Calabrese, whose father's bass voice will be remembered by older visitors to Glyndbourne. The Piccola

Residenza has a garden with views over the countryside, an idyllic place to read, sleep, and have breakfast. We had hardly come to terms with

our good fortune when we were offered a tray of red and white wine. bread, salt and a small carafe of his olive oil. We discussed agriturismo. and he was sensitive to the dilemma. of turning a traditional rural industry into a seasonal, rustic theme park; but planning laws are strict. Our barn had a tiny kitchen so well-appointed that we were almost tempted to cook; fortunately, our host directed us to nearby Mecenate and an excellent restaurant.

There are whole areas where agriturismo, this hybrid of hospitality and set-aside, does not seem to have caught on; the area round Ferrara seemed particularly barren, which is a shame given the underappreciated splendour of the city -Bologna on a more human scale. In that case, a one or two-star botel is insurance against a night spent sleeping in the car. Some regions are better than others at co-ordinating

and codifying the establishments in

their area, but long may an element of disorganisation last, so that the visitor can continue to trust to luck. and find the accidental felicity the true traveller delights in. At last, I went to Gubbio.

DAVID JESSEL

● The author booked his holiday through Portman Travel, ô18 Kings Road, Raynes Park, London SW20 8DN (0181-543 4433).

 A scheduled flight by Alitalia to Pisa costs £199 raturn, plus £10 airport tax. The hire of an air-conditioned.

 The hire of an air-conditioned. Renault Twingo for 14 days costs £530. A list of properties is available from Agriturist, Crorso Vittorio Emmanuele i01,00186 Roma, Italy.

☐ Citalia (0)81-686 5533) is offering four-night breaks in Rome, staying at the five-star Hotel Eden for £538 per person. Alternatively, a two-night stay at the three-star San Remo in Rome oosts £289 per person. Prices include B&B accommodation, return flights from Heathrow or Gatwick and transfers.

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an on the chairlift at the Taos Ski Valley resort in New Mexico had just arrived. "Eleven hours out of Fort Worth," he drawled. "The kids were at the wheel. 'Go to sleep. Dad.' they said. 'You'll be skiing in the

And so was 1, 15 hours out of Garwick by Continental Air-lines via Houston to Albuquerque, then two hours by Steve Plowden-Wardlaw's 4WD to his Quail Ridge Inn just outside Taos town. The inn is, in fact, the reception and restaurant headquarters of a complex of low, motel-style apartments set around a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, tennis courts and all that is necessary to keep the American holidaymakers happy.

Later, as my host guided me round the mountains, he told tales of Ernie Blake, a German-born Swiss, who turned from the interrogation of Nazi war criminals to the development of his idea of the perfect ski area. Set in America's fourth largest state, which has a population of only 1.25 million. Taos's strength lies in its remoteness.

Only now, with the tour company Ski the American Dream promoting the Quail Ridge Inn and the Kandahar Apartments, is Taos opening up to serious British skiers. They are welcome to do what I a heart-pounding trudge up Highline Ridge and a descent leftwards in untracked snow through the

Half of Taos's 72 slopes are for advanced skiers. The night life is low-key, but you need your energies for the skiing. Too soon, I was off west again, by the no-frills South-West Airline from Albuquerhour flight via Las Vegas (total cost \$77, about £50), to Reno. Nevada. Squaw Valley is a further hour's drive around

the north of Lake Tahoe. The

Ski fact file

The author was guest of Continental Airlines (01293 776464): Taos Ski Valley resort and the Quail Ridge Inn. New Mexico; the Squar Valley and Heavenly Valley resorts; the Inn by the Lake, South Lake Tahoe: Mammoth Mountain resort and the Alpenhof Lodge

☐ British operators serving American ski resort Include Virgin (01293 617181), Crystal (0181-399 5144). Inghams (0181-780 Dream (0181-552 (201). Ski Independence (0131-557 8555) and Skiworld (0171-602 7444).

California-Nevada state border bisects the lake, an azure oval 22 miles long and up to 1,350ft deep. Dotted around this oasis are 14 ski resorts, the largest being Squaw Valley to the northwest, and Heavenly Valley to the southeast.

Squaw is decidedly Californian, its image created by the 1960 Winter Olympics. Heavenly rises above straggling lakeside developments and multistorey, all-night gaming hotels ablaze with lights.

Squaw has six peaks enfolding the plateau of High Camp like a vast armchair. It has something of Chamonix's aura, and the slopes off the cornice are only for the brave.

s elsewhere in America, there are less intimidating alternatives, and at High Camp beginners have the luxury of a high mountain pasture, while non-skiers can ice-skate, bungee-jump, swim

Night skiing is a Squaw speciality. Tom Kelly once coached the Canadian Mahre twins. Phil and Steve, to World Cup triumph by getting them up so early that they were in top form before the Austrians had even woken up. Here, as a

services executive, he whizzed

me that the snow was pure

corduroy for two-and-a-half

off under arc lights assuring

miles downhill. The Sierra Nevada gets snow - nearly 40ft of it in some years - but February and March bring warm days. Much of the lodging was built to cater for the Bay Area's huge summer trade, so in 1990 Richard Branson's first efforts to fill mid-winter beds, and Virgin plane seats, with Brit-

ish skiers were very welcome. holidays with sunspots such as Hawaii or Palm Beach, but keen skiers are more likely to couple Lake Tahoe and Mammoth, the nearest big skiing area to Los Angeles.

JOHN SAMUEL



WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page In

(b) One who shares a bunk with another, a common practice in the Middle Ages that still survives, at least for some Tory MPs. (US colloquialism.) FAVISM

a) A hereditary form of anaemia manifested surprisingly only after contact with broad-beans. French beans will not do it. (From the Italian adjective favismo.) Dorland's Medical Dictionary cites this as a "disease of Italy caused by the eating of the bean Vicia fabia".

(b) A claw-shaped ornament carved at the angle of the square base of a column; a spur. (Shortened from the form Griffen.) The 1901 Dictionary of Architecture promises that: "The griffe is often used for elaborate ornamentation, being carved into vegetable or even animal form."

(c) A small boat or canoe used in ports along the shores of the Persian Gulf. (From the Persian balam.)

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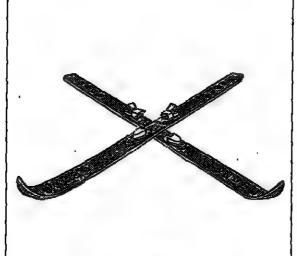
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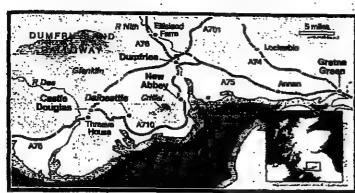
TRAVEL

SCOTLAND: The countryside which was the inspiration for the national bard and much of his poetry

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One often yearns for the land of Burns



rt for the people is a common cry, but in one small corner of southwest Scotland they are more populist than that There's art, possibly worth millions of pounds, which is viewed daily by many more sheep and buzzards than human beings.

Dotted around the moors of Glenkiln, a remote valley just north of the main road from Durniries to the port of Strangaer, are three sculptures by Henry Moore, one by Jacob Epstein and another by Auguste Rodin. Open to the ele-ments, they stand tree on heatherclad hills and by bracken-lined roads running through land owned by the Keswick estate. The late Sir William Keswick began his collection in 1950, the first time Henry Moore had seen his work in a landscape setting.

The sheep, which outnumber the local population by tens if not hundreds to one, are not in awe. "What a critic," said a shepherd as one of his flock left a small deposit at the base of a Moore figure beside

the setting. Although he was a man of the people, he hobnobbed with the aristocracy and would applaud

the contrast of high art with humble but noble places. The surrounding countryside was the inspiration for much of his poetry. Although Ayrshire claims Burns

as its son — he was born there — the region of Durnfries and Gallo-way to the south does likewise on the ground that it was here that he was at his most creative and productive in his short life. Millions of people, Japanese and Russians among them, sing Auld

Lang Syne every year, but not everyone knows who wrote it.

The rivalry hots up with the approach of July 31, 1996, the 200th anniversary of the poet's death, aged just 37. Bicentennial celebrations will be well under way by Burns Night, the traditional annual ritual which marks his birth on January 25. Inevitably, a Burns Trail has been created, which runs through some of the most beautiful and unknown parts of Scotland. Burns was not averse to a drink (or women either) and there are pubs and hostelries apienty en route, all claiming an association with him.

Cornlee Bridge.

Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, would have approved of on tap—where he penned some of the recently discovered cache of 40 or so poems attributed to him. It all helps this year's "Rabbiefest". Hag-



Cock-a-leekie soup

A CLASSIC Scottish soup, regularly served at Burns suppers. The debate is whether or not to include prunes.

1 boiling fowl or chicken, 2-31b i onion, quartered I-2lb leeks, chopped into inch-long pieces 4pts beef or veal stock bav leaf

parslev salt, peppe 6-12 prunes, soaked overnight (optional)

gis is not compulsory. A far lesser

"Unfair. It's wonderful," says

Frank Gourlay, proprietor of Barend holiday village, a group of Scandinavian-style chalets near the

coast of the Solway Firth, which.

was the centre for our intensive

introduction to Burns. It lies 20

For the land of Burns

But the only snag is

Place the bird in a large pot with the onion and stock. Bring to the boil, skim and simmer until tender, about two hours, topping up with water if necessary Remove the bird and let it cool

slightly. Add the green part of the

lecks (and prunes, if wanted) and

Cut white meat off chicken into small pieces and return to the pot with white parts of remain leeks.

Simmer for a further ten minutes or so. Check seasoning

miles south west of Dumfries, the

country town where the plough-

man poet lived for the last six years

of his life after unsuccessfully

farming near by. The Burns Trail takes in Ellisland farm where,

walking along the banks of the River Nith, he wrote Tam

O'Shanter. There are museums,

hotels, pubs, houses he lived in,

places he visited, many of them kitted out with the whole visitor

centre caboodle, audio-visual pre-

promitions, tea-towels and all.



Robert Burns bicentennial celebrations are under way

One of his favourite watering holes was the Globe Inn, Dumfries. Farmers gathered at the inn, or howf, to do business, so it was natural for Burns to go there on market days. As the evening wore on, the talk would turn to song.

mirth and verse - the forerunner to annual Burns suppers. There is no need to overdose on Burns in Dumfries and Galloway. The district's countryside and coastline are ideal for birdwatching, angling, cycling, rambling,

forest drives and wildfowl shooting. There are magnificent gardens such as Threave, near Castle Douglas, a garden for all seasons but splendid in springtime when its daffodil-carpeted slopes would have had Wordsworth reaching for his pen to knock off an extra verse. Castles, such as 13th-century, moated Caerlaverock, and ruins such as Sweetheart Abbey, just as

old, are among the country's finest.

ther literary detectives find clues in these parts. It was across the desolate Galloway moors that Richard Hannay, the hero of John Buchan's The Thirty-nine Steps, was hunted by police and spies. Russell Paterson, secretary of the John Buchan Society, says: "Members occasionally try to follow in Harmay's footsteps. There are only six genuine local Scottish place names in the book, but there are sufficient topographical references to fill in the gaps."

And at the gateway to Scotland's south west is Greena Green, famous for runaway marriages at the blacksmith's shop.

Within strolling distance of the chalets at Barend are a restaurant and bar, heated swimming pool and Jacuzzi, horse-riding and pony-

Fact file

☐ The author was a guest of the Dumfries and Galloway Tourist Board. Campbell House, Bankend Road, Dumfries DGI 4TH (01387 250434).

Holiday Village, Sandyhills, Kirkcudbrightshire DG5 4NU (01387 780663). Prices for self-catering chalets range from £150 sleeping four in January to £530 sleeping

☐ He stayed at Barend

six in August. [] The John Buchan Society, 16 Ramfurly Road, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire PAH 3EL (01505 013116).

Christopher Harvie's introduction to the Oxford University Press World Classics edition of The Thirty-nine Steps by John Buchan (E3.99) outlines Richard Hannay's probable route over the Galloway moors.

Left: Henry Moore's King and Queen had pride of place on the moors of Glenkiln, but it was vandalised last year and

trekking, trout fishing in a well-stocked loch, and a nine-hole golf course. Within 20 miles are a dozen

For energetic enthusiasts of wonderful views, climb to the top of the granite mass of Criffel. At less than 2000ft it's no mountain, but impressive all the same because it skirts the sea. On a clear day you can look south across the Solway Firth to the Cumbrian coast and the Lakeland hills beyond, and to Carlisle and the Border hills of southern Scot-land to the east. After it rains, a quartzite outcrop shines so brightly that it is known locally as "the diamond". And afterwards, in the snug bar of the Criffel Inn at New Abbey, a glass of Broughton Bitter tastes all the better.

Tippenny ale tasted good, too, at our Burns supper at the Globe Inn. The haggis was piped in, addressed and served with tatties and neeps. There were toasts, recitations and speeches. A tenor, accompanied by an accordionist, sang melancholy airs. We all sang For a That and a' That. Whisky was followed by claret, then more whisky. It was a good evening. Those who survived the course tell me it got better and better. You have been warned.

Alasdair Riley

Russian Waterways of the Golden Ring

I he opening of the waterways between St Petersburg and Mos-cowallows us to link a visit to two great cities with a relaxing cruise that travels the Neva River, Lake Ladoga, the Svir River, Lake Onega, the Baltic Canal, White Lake, the Volga River and finally the Moscowand Volga Carral This intricate system of waterways has beauty that is hard to describe. Serane neacefulandtimelesswith shores, calm flowing water and spectacular late sensets, in these realmsofthe WhiteNights' Calls will be at such historic towns as Uglich, where the blue cupoks decorated with the golden stars of theriversidechurch makeastun-

For many the visit to Kizhi Island in Lake Onega will be the highlight of the waterway journey. Herethermagnificent Church of the Transfiguration with its 22 shimmering grey domes in three iersaremore than a match for the airytale splendour of Moscow's St Basil's. From here we cruise through the fascinating waterway system through Coritsyto fhe cit-ies of the Golden Ring, stopping at Yaroslavland Uglich on the mighty Volga. These magical cities of Holy Russia still preserve their medi-eval kremlins, fortified monasteresand churches, in surroundings remote from the modern world.

Forthisjourneywehaveselected the MS Karamzin which, although not as high a standard as our other vessel the MV Kirov, offers very good facilities considering the competitive tariff. This is especially relevant. in view of the high hotel prices now sation of the hotels. This tour will therefore appeal to those wishing to see unspoilt parts of Russia from an economical and comfortable base.

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designed for the Empress Elizabeth by

Rastrelli. In the afternoon explore St Petersburg, Sail in the evening. Day 4 Svir Stroy - the day is spent leisurely cruising Lake Ladoga and the Svir River stopping at the village of Svir Stroy, a quaint riverside village.

Day 5 Kiziri Island - sail across Lake Onegato Kizhi Island, Atourwill encompass some spiendid examples of 18thcentury Russian architecture including typical wooden churches, houses wi early barns and a windmill.

Day 6 Coritsy-sail along the Baltic Canalandacross White Lake to the town

churches of the Korovniki overlooking the Volga and fine exam-ples of the town's 16th-century Day 8 Cruise along the Volga to Uglich. Founded in the 12th

century, it was here that I wan the Terrible's youngest son, Dmitri, wasmurdered Wevisitthe Church of St Demetrius, built on the spot where his body was found. On our walking tour we will also see the medieval Kremiin. Sail in the Day 9 Sail along the Riv wa reaching Moscow itself in

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BOOKS

Why an editor must be a midwife

Cheers, it's a book

very week hundreds of thousands of read-i ers buy a book believing that it sprang direct from the author's brain onto the printed page. Would that it were so straightfor-

The trouble with dealing with writers is that you cannot second-guess them. People say that commissioning editors are the midwives of literature but at least labour has its own more-orless unvarying timetable. The gestation of a work of literature can be 24 hours the 24-Hour Novel-Writing Prize). 18 years (Finnegans Wake) or several centuries (the Bible). So what exactly does a commissioning editor have to do to get a completed, perfectly honed typescript on his or her desk and ready to go into

production? If you are really lucky. absolutely nothing. The work is submined, read-**6** One ing it is a pure pleasure and all

author that remains is to cut a deal. needed At the other extreme, despermeasures daily are required. writers Some visits 9 sign a contract without telling

you of their little problem with writer's block. hours. However, there are And for every one who cannot start, there is another who cannot stop.

Coaxing a typescript from an author whose interpretation of a deadline is considerably more flexible than your own can be taxing. One of my authors needed me to edit his chapters as they were written. Under pressure of a tight publishing schedule. I had to interrupt a holiday to return to London to read the latest instalment. This was the only way to encourage him to speed on to the next.

Another author, in the throes of composition, needed daily home visits. When these were not getting us there quickly enough, I had to install a freelance editor to spend her days, and most of her evenings, strongarming the author into prothe book. midwife has it harder.

Such are the extremes. but commissioning any book — from a synopsis or an idea - is an act of faith. You believe in the thing and you believe in its author, but there follows a long and anxious wait. When at last

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your desk, the early pages are turned with a mixture of hope and dread. What if it does not live up to your expectations? Have you and the author been talking about the same thing? What

if it is dire? Sometimes - rarely - it is. That conversation about totally rewriting those 100,000 words is not something to look forward to. I can only remember having to do it four times and on each occasion I was fortunate, since all four authors. though upset, took it on the chin and rewrote. And in each case they substantially improved their novels.

Some writers take no notice of what their editor says. They have worked long and hard and every word to them is sacrosanct. They may be right. But books that cannot be im-

ery to their publishers are few, and here a creative relationbetween author and editor is paramount Offices are not conducive to

careful reading

so editors do

much of their pitfalls in having manuscripts around the house. My sons tore up part of one for hamster bedding. A friend and her lover — both publishers - went to sleep in the middle of reading their separate manuscripts and woke up with an indis-tinguishable muddle of un-

numbered pages. It is also essential to be ready for the totally unexpected. The phone call from Portugal at 11.30pm to correct a single word. The sudden trip to Switzerland to confront the author with a negative libel report. And, worst of all, the author who does a runner, advance in

The Snipcock & Tweed stereotype has it that publishing is a breeze and that you spend all your time on long lunches, networking and talking to New York. If that is publishing, it is not editing. The trouble is, in the literary labour ward, no one can hear you scream.

FANNY BLAKE The author was the editorial director at Viking Penguin from

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The chinless blunder on

OH NO. Justinia FitzOdo is young, beautiful, talented and unhappy. She has a voice like a lark and pre-Raphaelite hair which tends to tumble abstractedly across her face. On page I she forsakes her job and her singing abilities for a miserable marriage to an undeserving philanderer called Digby. Then she hums and haws and hums and haws and hums ... and on page

320 she finally does something about it.
In the meantime, you have long since worked out what is going to happen and in all likelihood grown bored by the procrastination of this silly, boring, bland piece of female nothingness masquerading as a tragicomic heroine. Suffice it to say that pasts are faced and confronted, secrets

Mary Loudon is aghast to find the snobbish,

vacuous formula writing of the 1980s extant

■ UNHOLY HARMONIES By Elizabeth Pewsey

discovered, fortunes left to the beautiful and the deserving, sexual desire unleashed and everyone is fulfilled in

the town of Unthrang.

I thought they had stopped publishing this sort of drivel in the early 1980s: for Unholy Harmonies, just like the 1980s, is as snobbish, as fanciful, as absurd and as socially loaded as they come. Take a look at the names of the

characters for a start. There's Justinia. of course, and Magdalena, Lydia, Alban, Genevra, Zephania, Sylvester and so on. And those are only the

upper-middle-class characters.

There is also a vicar called Holigost. The cleaner is called Mrs Toadflax. and the female publican, Mrs Herb. The characters with the poncy names use words such as divine, irksome, luscious, beastly, tiresome, dire and jolly. Mrs Herb says things such as 'aye" and "nowt". Mrs Toadflax does not say anything.

And the prose? The trick of good writing is to show, not to tell; to suggest, not to insist. The trouble with Elizabeth Pewsey's writing is that she does precisely the opposite: it is as if she is too lazy or too unimaginative to illustrate what she wants to describe. as if she thinks that taking her word for everything is good enough, and more-over, that her cliched and snobbish tone will not cause offence.

I am afraid Unholy Harmonies is what some people call an easy read and what I call "shopping-list" writing. It is so easy, so bland and oh, so boring. Please, please, Elizabeth Pewsey, write something else, because it is an old story and it has been better



Among dead puppets

By Andrew Klavan Little, Brown, £15.99

LUCKY Harry Bernard. Nice blonde wife, adorable kid, an apartment on Central Park West and a promising career as a lawyer-in-shining-ar-mour, rooting out corruption in the New York political machine. What more could he possibly want?

Why, Agnes Mallory, of course. Or Agnes Sole, as he knew her when he was a nineyear-old and she was a wrichy wood-sprite, telling him tales of a half-sister who died in the Holocaust and modelling skulls out of Playdon. Agnes, whose mother was beautiful where Harry's was not, and who knew the names of all the stars - even though it was Harry's father who had wanted to be an astronomer.

Andrew Klaven's latest novel is an intriguing mongrel of a book, part mystery, part ghost story, and partly a disturbing evocation of the power of childhood memories. Agnes haunts Harry while she lives. and she haunts him after her death, when he vanishes from his previous life, a victim of his eidetic recollection of their past. He almost seems like a ghost himself ("in the old days, when people still said things to me"). It is a mysterious, eerily familiar visitor who drags his tale from him, and what emerges is not just a tale of childhood friendship gone wrong, but of a woman overshadowed by a past she can-not control, tainting her whole life with its "aura of obscure

misery".

Klaven's language is jazzy and arresting, full of shocking and visceral images. The vacancy of a body after death makes him see life as nothing more than a puppet show: "a puppet show done with corpses". Klaven lets horror reveal truth. He is not afraid to venture into Harry's swift-

est, most uncensored thoughts, the "Inner Man" who wants it all and does not care how he gets it. But Harry does not care what we think of him. It is this that makes him likeable, even if he is weak, a

crook, a schmuck. But for all his faults, Harry loved Agnes Mallory - not just her quick, hard body but her tormented soul, too; surely her maiden name is no coincidence.

This is a flawed novel; its initial long passages of italics are confusing, and it has, at times, the jumbled quality of real memory. But this lends it authenticity too. And Agnes haunts the reader: that is no

ERICA WAGNER

Hostages to the silence

A MAIDEN'S GRAVE By Jeffrey Deaver Hodder & Stoughton, £12

IN Jeffrey Deaver's new thriller Arthur Potter, an all-toohuman, ageing, widowed FBI negotiator, runs up against the most carefree killer of his career, holed up in a slaughterhouse with eight young girls and their two female teachers. The killer is parmered by his stoat-like second-in-command and an obese serial rapist. As a further complication, this is no ordinary school party; all, save one hysterical older

teacher, are deaf. Not since Children of a Lesser God has there been such a moving, and in this case unequivocally unpatronising, depiction of the world of the Deaf, which they them-selves spell with a capital D as a socio-political statement. As his reluctant heroine. Melanie, puts it: "I'm Deaf with

But where this book really sings is in the psychology: Potter's self-conscious exploiration of his own emotional vulnerability to empathise with the hostage-taker. His skill is to descend with the potential killer to a mutual resignation, while avoiding the danger of empathy turning

into sympathy.

Aided by high technology but hindered by a host of interferers. Potter must tease the hostages free one by one without drawing blood. Deaver knits a seamless fabric of tightening tension right up to an explosive double-whammy

ending.

A Maiden's Grave is a gripping, human literary fugue that ends with a brilliant sleight of hand and an explosive punctuation mark. It is Deaver's best book yet.

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Phantom of a rural soap opera

BURTHORPE is an unremarkable little village, typical both of East Anglia, and a Bloomsbury, \$15.9 certain sort of satirical English fiction. For the outsider, it does

a passable imitation as the dullest place on earth, but of course it has its own dramas: the squire is having an affair with the editor of the local paper, but only loves his dying dog: the undertaker has secret ambitions to expand his funeral home and secret trysts with the local estate agent; the village shop-keeper has pae-

dophiliac rendencies. New Age travellers and new property developments threaten further to blight its already limited charms. Its inhabitants seem constantly engaged in either sexual or civic battle. By Terence Blacker Bloomsbury, £15.99

Into all this, like the Lone Ranger, rides Margaret Cow-per. She is a pretty, elfin little thing, wearing slightly odd, trendy clothes. All the men fancy her. They think she is in about 500. Terence Blacker has created

an Aga Spectre. Margaret is really Meg, the ill-used mis-tress of the Tudor poet John Skelton. Her soul has been rescless since her suicide in the early 16th century; now she has materialised to find love, and she goes through Burthorpe like the Terminator in her attempt to get it. For



Blacker: ghost of change

those who cross or merely offend her, she has a variety of punishments: some men are burnt alive, a few women are cursed with green mensurual blood. Margaret is the mis-

tious undertaker to clean up the mess, Burthorpe also, fortunately, boasts a thanatologist who can translate it all. The term "revenance" is his invention: it can mean "a return from the dead" as well as "something pleasing, memorable, attractive".

This is not in any way a thriller of the supernatural. It may have the same final body count as that of a Stephen King novel, but there is absolutely none of the horror. Instead. Blacker has written a deft and entertaining tale of a village which needs to change, and where it takes a ghost to make things happen.

GILL HORNBY

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THE Story Library Series (Kingfisher, £9.99 hbk, £4.99 pbk each) is an enlightened collection of anthologies for older teenagers, arranged by theme. In Fautasy Stories, compiled by Diana Wynne Jones, herself an inventive fantasy writer, we have a series of extracts from almost forgotten one-time favourites. You could call it a rescue job. The Amazing Flight of the Gump by L. Frank Baum, for instance, is well worth rescuing. It comes from The Land of Oz. Baum's companion to The Wizard of Oz. in which an army of girl soldiers takes

over the emerald city.

Una and the Red Cross
Knight, by Andrew Lang is
another treat, showing the
effects of an unscheduled dragon on the lives of seemingly "fortunate people to whom nothing ever happens". Atmospherically illustrated in black and white by Robin Lawrie, the collection contains 18 stories by fantasy writers, including C.S. Lewis's The Silver Chair and Elizabeth Goudge's Henrietta's House. True Stories, compiled by Anthony Masters, proves that there are many forms of courage. Some of the people in

this collection, such as Charles

Lindbergh and Clare Francis. deliberately sought out dan-ger. Others, such as Colonel Archibald Gracie on the Titanic. Pauline Cutting in the Palestinian refugee camps and particularly riveting -Dian Fossey, whose protection of the African gorillas that she came to study ended in her murder, behaved heroically when thrown into adverse

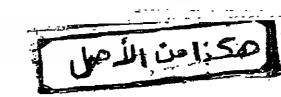
circumstances.

Being squeamish, I did not particularly go for GabrielErnest, Saki's disquieting classic of a cannibalistic werewolf boy, nor John Steinbeck's of the bubble gum that chewed back, but these and other stories give Horror Stories. chosen by Susan Price, an enjoyable aura of respectability. For 9 to 14-year-olds.

Making and losing friends is an important part of growing up, and Best of Friends, edited by Valerie Bearman (Methuen, £9.99), contains eight specially commissioned stories from contemporary writers such as Theresa Breslin and Robert Westall on a subject which can provide some of the best and worst days in the life of an 8 to 13-

MAUREEN OWEN

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America lost the war but the Vietnamese lost much, much more, says Tunku Varadarajan

A survivor's tale: Dachau's liberation on May 3, 1945

of the thriving central Euro-

pean Jewish culture that was swallowed up in the Nazi storm. Hammer hoped to

become a doctor; but his

studies were interrupted by the war, and in 1941 he was

conscripted into the

Arbeitsdienst, the Jewish labour brigade. Three years later he found himself in what George Steiner has called "the final hell" of Austhratic

Hammer says he owes his life to an Englishman, Peter Howard, whom he met by

chance on a train bound for Dachau but who disap-

peared during the journey. Thanks to this, Hammer was able to assume How-

ard's identity and thus avoided being rounded up and murdered with the other

This book, which bears

witness to unspeakable suf-

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to astonishing bravery and

Jews on the train.

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SACRED GAMES By Gerald Jacobs

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Penguin, £6.99
CAN WE speak the unspeakable? Miklos Hammer spent 40 years being unable to speak about his experiences in the Nazi death camps. He could not even tell his wife, whom he met after the war about what he after the war, about what he had endured in Dachau, Buchenwald and Auschwitz His memories had, in effect, rendered him speechless; there were simply things about which he could say nothing. There was also an element of guilt: as Primo Levi has made poignantly clear, the survivor is in a certain sense ashamed of his

those he left behind, Hammer eventually decided to share his story with Gerald Jacobs of the Jewish Chronicle. Born in Hungary in 1920, he grew up in a studiously devout household (his father was a rabbi), part . fortifude.

survival. He can never forget

BEING DIGITAL By Nicholas Negroponte Coronet, E6.99

AN EXCELLENT layman's guide to the high-tech future. Being Digital explains the basics of the world's new computer and telecommunications systems, from bits and bandwidth to CD-Roms and interface design. Negroponte, director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Studies Lab and columnist for Wired magazine. writes with informed intelligence and lively clarity, criticising dumb industrial developments and, though not dwelling on the dark side, throwing up big cultural questions. His predictions of earring-sized PCs and video recorders that tape programmes on your selected subject are at once thrilling and unsettling. A must for technophobes.



III DREAMERS By Elaine Feinstein Pan. £6.99

IN THE WAKE of the 1848 Vienna uprising, two bright Jewish children scrape a meagre living in a suburban ghetto. But, as their ways part, their fortunes change. Joseph, who played the vio-lin for pennies in a cafe, becomes a celebrated virtuoso, while Clara grows into an independent-spirited young teacher. But Joseph's affairs with glittering sopranos serve only to emphasise his loneliness, and Clara, dismayed by various brutish assaults on her virtue, resolves to remain chaste for ever. Whatever could they both be yearning for? An upmarket bodice-ripper, with cameo appearances by Brahms, Strauss and Heine.

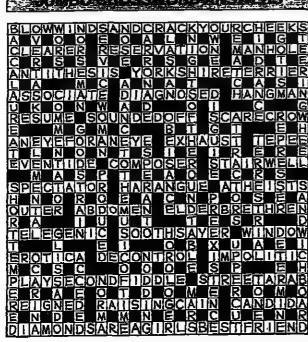
Abacus, £8.99 AUNT Adolf is livid when a well-connected Englishman ("The Prince") lures Chick, the niece she dotes upon across the Atlantic But when he finally dumps her, Adolf's fury knows no bounds and she attempts revenge. A fairly straightfor-

■ ADOLP'S REVENGE

By Lynne Alexander

ward story, you might think, of a nice Jewish girl who marries out - but not in the hands of this richly inventive writer. Lynne Alexander uses resonant, biblical language to create a fantastic world of characters as grotesque and funny as those of Günter Grass. A tale of power and manipulation that deals in raw emotions and pokes fun at predictable happy endings.

Contributors: Jason Cowley, Kate Bassett, Nicki Household,



The winner of the Christmas Jumbo Crossword, published on December 23, is Mrs P. Judges of Osbaldwick, Yorkshire. She will receive £100 and a Methuselah of Moet and Chandon champagne.

The five runners-up, who will each receive £100, are: Mr D.J. Evans of Morriston, Swansea; Mrs C.A. Bell of Guildford, Surrey; Miss E.H. O'Toole of London; C.R. Thompson of Edinburgh and Mr N. Harris of London.

Vietnam, a victor's tragedy

ca's Vietnam memory for more than 20 years. The Americans fought there, and got caned, but made sure to thrust upon the rest of the world their intense post-bel-lum trauma. Hollywood and a conveyor belt of GI Viet Lit have replayed the war from every angle: no audience has been spared. Yet one perspective has been denied to us consistently: "the other side". What was it like for the

soldiers of the Vietcong? The Vietnamese heave their hearts into their mouths a little less easily than do the Americans. Inherent reti-cence, deep battle scars and years of one-party rule have all conspired against the emergence of a Vietnamese literature of war. Now, a writer of rare refinement, a woman who herself spent seven years on the front line in the "American war", has tilted the bitter balance a little in her country's

Novel Without A Name, by Duong Thu Huong, had first to be smuggled out of Vietnam. The author, an advocate of democratic reform, has been imprisoned and muzzled by the regime in Hanoi. They did not like the book and it is easy to see why.

The novel is, foremost, about the futility of the war — about the waste of lives, relationships and passion. But it is not a tract. So stripped of heroism is the depiction of battle, hunger and injury that

Faith,

hope and

pious

gravity

CATHERINE FOX sets her

first novel in the heart of a

cathedral city but she has

more in common with a

feminist Christian novelist

such as Sara Maitland than

with Anthony Trolloge. The comedy that flows from the

social and political structures

of Anglicanism is not her

subject. Instead Angels and

Men follows a year in the life

of a postgraduate student, Mara Johns, as she studies women and fanaticism and

struggles to free herself from

the horror of her twin sister's

disastrous involvement with a

Mara is a child of the

Church of England, daughter

of a rural dean, and on the

surface she is enjoying the prolonged, privileged adoles-cence of the English middle

classes. But Mara is numbed

by her sister's tragedy, and by a sense of rejection which stems from childhood.

Fox makes Mara the focus

of the novel, with her intensity

and solipsism setting its tone. Mara is visited by angels, but

believes she has lost her faith.

and so on - when it is clear

from the response of every

male she meets that she is

She is drawn into a closed

community of students and trainee vicars who attend

prayer meetings and sedulously probe their own rela-

tionships and motives. It is an

anachronistic fictional world:

its passionate dramatisation

of the differences between a

Fox clearly knows this terri-

tory well and she writes with

verve about the way Christian-

ity is always at the mercy of its

HELEN DUNMORE

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ANGELS AND MEN

Hamish Hamilton, £16

By Catherine Fox

Picador, £5.99

no sensitive Vietnamese could have read it and failed to ask prickly questions about the country's pyrthic victory.

Quan, the novel's main character, is a kind of special Everyman. The book describes his journey on furlough from the front line to his home village, towards the end of the war. His task is to accompany a childhood friend. Bien, who has been maddened by combat, to the comfort of an upcountry regiment. The slow, tormented journey — his odyssey — takes him through the landscape of a scorched

Quan travels, also, through the geography of his imagina-tion, trawling through child-hood memories of play and love, of the day he enlisted for the glory of the party, of battles past and comrades dead. And the author, all the while, weaves threads from the present — the pleasures of a can of Chinese meat, the pathetic advances of a widowed woman, a gift from the front of a comb made of aircraft metal — into the fabric of his recollections. The future for Quan, in the end, is but a heap of bitterness from the past. Duong Thu Huong has written a story to cherish. Nothing in the canon of American literature on Vietnam can



soldier after Operation Mallard, a round-up preceded by heavy bombing, in 1966

Wheelchair with attitude How a paraplegic

"achingly honest", it usually means embarrassing. Nor does the heart lift at the prospect of yet another set of journalist's war memoirs. John Hockenberry's Declarations of Independence is by a wheelchair-bound Middle East reporter, and I admit that I expected little joy of it.

Ten pages in, I apologised aloud to the author. An hour later I gave up using markers because I was tabbing every page. It is a marvellous book: tough. acute, personal, barkingly funny and often so moving that you have to lay it down. It has a curious quality I can only describe as in-your-face grace.

Hockenberry was paralysed from the chest down at 19. He has since been a music student, a reporter, a finalist for the "iournalist in space" programme ("In a weightless environment, who needs legs?") and an importunate lover capable of lunacies such as semi-accidentally concealing himself and his folded wheelchair all night under his girlfriend's bed. He tells it all: the problems of hygienic self-catheterisation in a war zone, the rudeness of Stephen Hawking, the shame an American citizen felt among the

iournalist made a mission for himself



Hockenberry: in-vour-face grace

refugee Kurds after the Gulf "victory", and the way paraplegics compete and despise one another like any other gang of young men.

He loathes Oprah victims and "telethon crips", jeers at role models, refuses pity with venom and confides that it is seen as a "pansy-assed" thing for a paraplegic to

chairs onto side-hooks on filthy pickup trucks and practice hot-dogging onto the kerb alone, under cover of the night, in deserted shopping malls.

in wheelchairs and this book solves the conundrum of what happens to their arrogant machismo: nothing. Yet he sees his own absurdities clearly and quotes with giee his father's line. "Son, I think you use that wheelchair as a crutch".

He spent months perfecting a bitedown device to enable him to use the pedals on a piano, then blithely gave it up in favour of the harpsichord so he could concentrate on the music. After a humiliating moment as a tyro reporter when an interviewee absentmindedly handed him a dollar, he admits that it was partly his fault for rolling around with big, mad, red socks on, because wearing shoes was a self-out to the walking lobby. In the course of the book, he grows up.

The suffering of Kurds and Somalis puts his own into perspective; in the mud, fallen from his donkey in the mountains, he even learns to accept help. "In Kurdistan I discovered that the world is a much larger place than can be filled by the mission of one man and his wheelchair." But what a man, and what a mission.

LIBBY PURVES

First flurries of snow to come

THE COUNTRY AHEAD OF US. THE COUNTRY BEHIND By David Guterson Bloomsbury, £5.99

THE MANY admirers of last year's excellent Snow Falling on Cedars — still at No 1 in the Times paperback chart - will be glad to see this earlier collection of short stories from David Guterson as they wait for his next novel to appear. These stories were published in America six years ago but already display the fine touch of the later book. A broad landscape stretches

out through the stories, of

creeks and canyons, dust paths and sage deserts, birch groves and fir forests. The quiet assurance and clean detail of Guterson's prose make his subjects appear true and compelling — in Snow Falling on Cedars there was salmon fishing and strawber-ry picking; here he traces the careful rituals of duck shooting and camping out by the lakes in America's Northwest. His scenes are built up through keen attention to their most evocative elements, making them thoroughly present to the mind's eye: "Along the strip of autumnal, shameless motels, hunters loaded gear in lots, lit by running lights, steam spewing from their mouths. The dogs circling just beyond the fires, the baid fences enclosing vacant guest pools, the last of the good willow beneath lonesome heavens." Visual power is

drawn from the unexpected sequence of images he has chosen — willow leaves fol-

lowed by slaughterhouses.

THERE are no big dramas, no pitched battles here, just marriages that gradually run down, men who grow older. small but formative misunderstandings, pauses for reflec-tion — the stuff of Raymond Carver. As with Carver, Guterson never shows all his hand; there is a sense that his material is pared back from a far larger resource, leaving much unsaid. When his chartional intensity for which they are unable to find words. attention rests instead on external details that consequently become charged with significance — the windscreen wipers, the road ahead, a flight of birds.

Undercurrents are betrayed by a single physical gesture — the grandfather who realises his hunting days are over and wordlessly leaves his gun behind in his son's car, the Vietnam veteran who finishes off a wounded bird, unable to watch it suffer. In between the silences, the dialogue is spare and efficient; indeed the only character in the book who says too much soon regrets it, in the opening story.

These ten brief pieces con-

firm Guterson's sure instinct as a writer with the gift of making good prose look just so easy.

HARRIET PATERSON

Where holiness shines

In a village in Piedmont, Mammon is haunted by a young girl's visions

Irritatingly, she also persists in considering herself plain — eyes too big, hair too luxuriant IT SEEMS an unjust distribution of talent that Cristina Odone, who has already demonstrated her journalistic abil-ity as editor of the Catholic devastatingly attractive. This ensures that her progress from despair to a kind of hope Herald, should now show that she can write a subtle and enjoyable novel. When I first read The Shrine in manuscript. I started it with the anxiety one inevitably feels when asked to judge the work of a friend, but was soon captivated by her portrayal of life in the Piedmont village of San Lorenzo.

these students do not panic Odone's heroine, Alma about overdrafts, follow the Ferrati, a painter living in storyline of Brookside or East-Turin, returns on the death of Enders nor juggle essays with her father to her family home Angels and Men does not seem to have decided quite in the village. It is the grandest house in San Lorenzo, surrounded by its own estate, but what kind of novel it wants to it turns out that her swashbe. More edge and detachbuckling father has left nothment in the writing might ing but debts. Together with have let a snarper and funnier book emerge. But it has strengths and among them is

THE SHRINE By Cristina Odone Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £15.99

her brother, Francesco. Alma must try to salvage an inheritance that embodies everything they hold dear. Meanwhile, the local inhab-

itants hatch a plot to exploit the visions of the Virgin Mary that have come to Santarella, a pious girl in the village, by making San Lorenzo into a shrine. Santarella's mother is the mistress of the mayor; Don Luigi is the parish priest. Odone sketches the characters of half-a-dozen villagers with great skill and restraint; they might so easily have degenerated into "Don Camillo" ste-

The link between the small world of San Lorenzo and the wider and more sophisticated

TIMES BOOKS

THURSDAY

Andrew Roberts on Sarah Bradford's biography of the

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Jasper Rees on J. G. Ballard

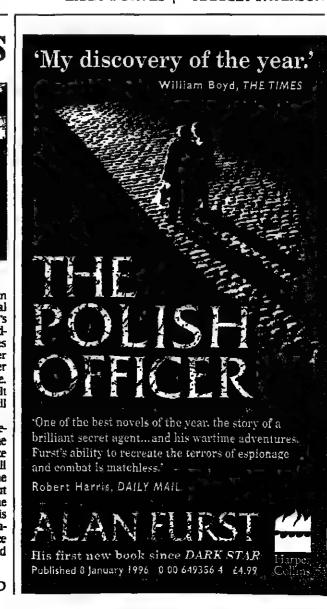


Odone: talent to spare

life known to the Ferratis in London and Turin is the local lawyer, Miso Brusoni, Alma's suitor and Francesco's childhood friend. The link proves weak. Alma is a child of her time. Men are a threat to her autonomy and independence. When he kissed her, she felt as if she had abandoned all claim to herself."

So too is the security represented by San Lorenzo. She rejects the idea of a life like Miso's as a big fish in a small bowl and chooses instead the challenge of life in Turin. But always haunting the urbane and sophisticated Ferratis is the ethereal visionary, Santarella, an image of innocence and holiness in a confused and compromised world.

Piers Paul Read



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RECORDINGS

NEW ON CD: Sibelius in symphony and song; why McFerrin should worry; good reasons not to vote Tori

ORCHESTRAL Barry Millington

■ SIBELIUS Symphonies 2 & 6 Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra/Maazel Sony SK 53 268** LORIN MAAZEL'S cycle of the Sibelius symphonies with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, recorded in the 1960s, has long been one of the pillars of the catalogue. In 1992 Decca reissued it on three bargain-price CDs, but by then Maazel had already embarked on another Sibelius cycle for Sony, this time with the Pinsburgh Symphony, of which he is music director. Symphonies 1.4.5 and 7 of this second cycle have already disappeared from the catalogue (temporarily, one hopes), yet here is Sony putting out a further disc. of



the Second and Sixth, record-

Maazel: hint of melancholy

others at the beginning of the

Over the course of three decades. Maazel's understanding of Sibelius has deepened by contrast with his earlier set. This is particularly evident in the Second, which was harder driven with the VPO, the opening movement pushed on especially precipitously. Now Maazel gives more attention to the "poco" of the "Poco Allegro" at the initial gathering of speed in the first movement, and his approach generally is to allow tensions to accumulate and unwind under their own momentum.

This is the key to great Sibelius conducting and nobody understands that better than Colin Davis, who also has a new cycle under way. Davis's recording of the Secona ana sixtin will prove difficult to beat. His tempos for the former are always judicious (Maazel begins sluggishly), there is more bite to his running quavers in the Scherzo third movement and a more satisfying climax in the

Things improve for Maazel in the Sixth: the heartwarming string ensemble of the opening has just the right hint of melancholy. the flickering half-lights of the second movement are nicely caught and the tragic build-up in the final stages skilfully engineered.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ FERNANDO **DE LA MORA** Fernando de la Mora Welsh National Opera Orchestra/Mackerras Telarc CD-80411+++ THE MEXICAN tenor, Fernando de la Mora, is still little known in Britain. He stepped in for Alfredo Kraus during the run of Lelisir d'amore at Covent Garden three years ago but has not been back. Some reckon he is the man among the 30-year-olds most likely to give Roberto Alagna a run for his money.
His first recital disc for

Telare is almost a gauntlet thrown down at Alagna's feet. De la Mora tackles some of the French opera roles Alagna has been singing or will be singing before long: Gounod's Roméo. Bizet's José and, perhaps most saucily of all. Massenet's Werther, Identical arias can be found on Alagna's own EMI recital disc of a few months back.

The Mexican cannot command the liquid, almost ca-ressing sound that makes Alagna so impressive in 19th-century French opera. Otherwise he carries a formidable range of tenor armoury. High Cs. loud and soft, cause him no problem. Nor do the even loftier pinnacles of Tonio's Ah! mes amis from Donizetti's La Fille du régiment. The real quality of de la Mora's voice. though, shows in the warm, enveloping flow he gives to familiar arias by Puccini. Cilea and Giordano. The Italian verismo repertory sounds tailor-made for him on the strength of this recital. Note the name and try the disc.

Charles Mackerras and the Weish National Opera Orchestra provide sturdy sup-The accompanying booklet lists two recording dates and venues, one in Swansea and the other in Cincinnati, but Telarc say this is a printing error.

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■ FIRST KNIGHT

Columbia Tri-Star. 12, 1995 YOU CAN put Richard Gere in a suit of armour and give him Guinevere to woo, but if you do nothing to tame his cocky grin or American accent, he is not going to be a convincing Lancelot. Julia Ormond makes a reasonable Guinevere, a principled lady on the verge of marriage to the noble King Arthur, a part Sean Connery takes with rather too much ease. The banle scenes look impressive, but much good work is undone by William Nicholson's plodding script. In a word, a mess. Available

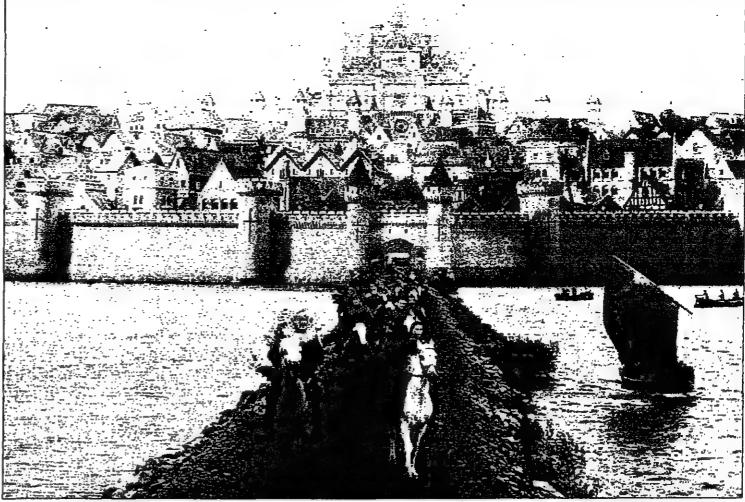
■ JACK & SARAH

PolyGram. 15, 1995 SARAH is a gurgling baby. Jack (Richard E. Grant) is the father, struggling with nappies after his wife dies in labour. And don't forget Army (Samantha Mathis), the goodhearted American who comes to be Sarah's nanny and Jack's new love. Then there are the in-laws, hovering with well-meant advice, and Ian McKellen, a vagrant turned manservant who flits through the script like a gadfly. Tim Sullivan's film is good for an easy laugh and a warm glow, but it lacks the sharpness of the best British comedies, past or present. A rental release.

EAST LA
Entertainment, 15, 1995

RELEASED in cinemas as My Family, Gregory Nava's film gets a new, rougher-sounding title. But it remains the same sweet-toothed family saga, following the progress of Mexican immigrants over three decades. They get born, get married, get shot and go to jail. The dusky colours are pleasing, and some performances briefly touch the heart, but the film is too long and too ready to fall into melodrama. With Jimmy Smits, Esai Morales and Edward James Olmos. To rent.

LECUISSE Art House, PG, 1962 THE SPATE of Antonioni video releases continues with the final film



King and country: Sean Connery as King Arthur leads the procession of knights from Camelot in the lavish but messy First Knight

Released just a few months

after Paper Music - his

controversial excursion into

the popular classics - Bang!

Zoom bears all the signs of a

restlessly inquisitive musician

who is beginning to spread

The ethereal voice continues to dazzle and defy gravity. The problem lies in the inconse-

quential melodies and 1970s pastiches. Nobody who grew up listening to Earth Wind & Fire or Stevie Wonder will be

left unmoved by McFerrin's sense of fun, while the occa-

sional percolating noise of

bass clarinet in the back-

ground evokes memories of

the fusion-and-flares cocktails

that Herbie Hancock served

up 20-odd years ago. The truth

remains that both the

instrumentals and the songs,

with their carelessly assemb

led lyrics, would sit far more

comfortably in the soundtrack

of some young, upwardly-

himself thin.

in his trilogy exploring alienation in modern society. As before, Monica Vitti is his muse, a young Roman woman who begins a passionate affair with a cocky stockbroker (Alain Delon) after ending another with a cold intellectual (Francisco Rabal). Happiness proves elusive; so does the plot, which disappears under the weight of interior decorations, building sites and all the other

images which the director crafts so

beautifully. A film for which some patience is needed.

INNOCENT LIES

PolyGram, 18, 1995 DIRECTOR Patrick Dewolf, script partner of Hairdresser's Husband creator Patrice Leconte, cloaks a tale of obsession and murder in fancy angles, period clothes (the time is 1938) and grey coastal scenery. But the film, available to rent, is little more than a frigid stylistic exercise, and the cast - Stephen Dorff, Gabrielle Anwar, Joanna Lumley, Adrian Dunbar - can do little to warm it up.

■ POSTCARDS FROM AMERICA

Dangerous to Know, 18, 1994 STEVE McLEAN, groomed in Brit-ish pop promos and television, piles on the glossy style for this eye-

grabbing fantasia about a gay American outsider, inspired by the life and writings of the artist and Aids activist David Wojnarowicz McLean skates over Wojnarowicz's anger at the world and his fate, but his mobile camera certainly excels at catching beautiful surfaces, from desert rocks and 1950s furniture to golden male bodies.

GEOFF BROWN



Roocroft: to opulent effect

The new-found weight in KOOCTOR'S SODI'AND IS SNOWN off to opulent effect and she puts passion into everything. even when it leads to a certain hardness in the voice.

The "Contemporaries". Cimarosa and Haydn, are even more florid. The lengthy outburst Deh. parlate from Il sacrificio d'Abramo, written in the same year as Figaro.

will surprise those who think of Cimarosa only as the jolly composer of Matrimonio egreto. He could trade in lofty centiments with the best of them. So too could Haydn as he runs through any number of emotions in the Scena di Berenice. Roocroft has the technical skill to make the most of these show-off pieces.

But the recital is monotonously heavyweight and could have done with an item or two to expose the sparky, flirta-tious side Roocroft so memorably displayed in her first Glyndebourne Cosi. The accompaniment from Neville Marriner and the Academy of

> VOCAL Hilary Finch

■ STBELIUS Mattila/Ranta

Ondine ODE 856-2*** THE FINNISH soprano Karita Mattila, in clear, pure, yet ever more lustrous voice, offers 24 of Sibelius's hundred or more still neplected songs in this irresistible recital with pianist Ilmo Ranta. Here is many a dream of a summer night, and of the "blue hour" of the Nordic twilight in Fagellek (Play of the Birds) and the strange, sparsely accompanied lines of the swan's song in Jubal.

Mattila recreates powerful-

ly the sensuous urgency of Sibelius's settings of his beloved poet J. L. Runeberg. Her performances of The First Kiss, The Tryst and The North are nicely complemented by Sibelius's more supple, lilting settings of the Finnish language: songs like *Lastu* lainehilla (Driftwood) and Kaiutar (The Écho Nymph) are just two of the rare delights of this disc.

☐ KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD Live Performances 1935-48, 1948-57

Simax PSC 1822, 1823++ CONNOISSEURS of the Nordie voice will be happy to know that the second and third volumes of Simax's survey of the live performances of the great Norwegian soprano Kirsten Flagstad are now available. Volume 3 contains

three CDs of exceptional interest. Here are the ten Grieg songs she performed in national costume with the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Sir Malcolm Sargent at the 1957 Royal Albert Hall concert celebrating the fiftheth anniversary of Grieg's death. Already ill with the bone cancer which killed her, Flagstad sings Vaaren (Spring) with a broad radiance, infused with a

deep inner melancholy. Here, too, are the Wagner



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JOHN SCOFIELD'S downhome funk is the real thing, Wesendonck-Lieder she recorded in 1952 with the Royal hot and sweaty when neces-Philharmonic and Sir Thomas sary, yet executed with intelligence and a quiet authority. Beecham. These are rhythmically robust, well-defined per-This, you sense, is the music that his old boss Miles Davis formances in pretty rough should have been making in Even poorer recording qualthose final years when he was ity mars an otherwise quite vainly chasing after Michael wonderful Four Last Songs.

Jackson's sequinned coat-tails. Larry Goldings's pugnacious electric organ once again acts as sheet anchor for the guitarist's quartet. The principal advance on last year's firstrate release, Hand Jive, lies in the understated writing for Steve Turre's trombone and the tuba and baritone saxophone of Howard Johnson. Scofield could easily have thrown together a string of splashy brass lines; the muted colours he sketches form an even more potent contrast to his own, ever more forceful

playing.
Idris Muhammad's sly shuffle on the drums gives the group all the momentum of a Crescent City marching band.

> POP ALBUM David Sinclair

TORI AMOS Boys For Pele eastwest 7567-82862+

A BLEAK, craggy monument to the emotional turbulence in Tori Arnos's life, Boys for Pele redefines the concept of the difficult" third album. Conceived during the break-

up of her eight-year relation-ship (romantic and professional) with producer Eric Rosse, it was mostly written during the singer's last tour. Twe dragged my boyfriend's balls halfway across Europe," she declared on a recent British television chat show, an experience which sounds about as much fun for him as listening to this album is likely to prove for the rest of us. Less than a third of the 18 tracks accommodate a full

rhythm section, and the austere arrangements are dominated by Amos's alternately thunderous and tinkling piano parts and heavily mannered singing. A courtly harpsichord is featured on several songs, along with occasional touches of strings, harmonium. bagpipes. church bells and a couple of cameo perfor-mances by the Black Dyke Mills (brass) Band. But de-

spite these odd dashes of instrumental colour, the album's pulse remains stiff and ungainly, its tone charmless and cheerless throughout. While rarely making much

sense, Amos's lyrics sometimes resonate with dark sexual connotations, as on Blood Roses and Professional Widow (a song apparently about Courtney Love). But more



Amos: primal warbling

often the words simply spill out like seeds scattered in the wind, their meaning buried among the haphazard nonsense-phrases which result (") need some voodoo on these prunes": "Congratulate you said you had a double tongue balancing cake and bread 7. Conventional verse chorus

structures and tunes are large-

ly abandoned in favour of convoluted, open-ended pieces, enabling Amos to give full rein to her extended bouts of primal warbling. It might rk as therapy or revenge but why take it out on us?

POP SINGLE

David Sinclair

■ WRANDY Sittin' Up In My Room Arista 74321 344012** THE NEW Whitney Houston

film, Waiting to Exhale, finally goes on general release in Britain next week, and to make sure we do not for about it, a string of singles from the equally successful soundtrack have been slated for the coming weeks. Look out for songs by Mary J. Blige and Houston with CeCe Winans next month, but first it is the turn of the 16-year-old soul singer and actress Brand

Norwood, or Brandy. Sittin' Up In My Room is a quietly smouldering slice of swingbeat-funk performed with a firm, sensual touch. A bundle of unrequited passion. Brandy is sitting in her room thinking about the object of her desire. "I pray that you'll invest in my happiness/All it takes is just one simple call from you," she sings in a deep. velvety voice that would have most men fumbling for their key-pads there and then.

Written by Kenny "Babyface" Edmunds, as is most of the soundtrack, it lacks any real passion, but has his familiar stamp of quality and. indeed, the mark of another big hit about it.

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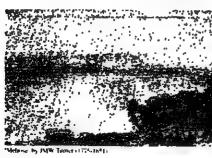
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mail-order catalogue has changed all that.
The catalogue, Ancestral Collections, devised by Lady Victoria leatham and her business partner Elizabeth Nicholl, offers reproductions of antique lumiture and objets from five of Britain's best known historic houses. In most casel, the Items have been recreated using the original techniques.

Lady Victoria is curator of Burghley House, Lincolnshire, one of the houses in the catalogue, and a general appraiser for Sotheby's and BBCl's Antiques Roadshow, and has a passion for Japanese ceramics and delftware. She had been mulling over the idea for Ancestral Collections for some time before teaming up with Ms Nicholl and creating the first catalogue, released late last year.

The catalogue is stuffed with information about the houses, and a small percentage of the price of each purchase goes towards their upkeep. Each year's catalogue will be different. "This is a collecting opportunity as much as a purchasing one," Lady Victoria says.

Blair Castle, in Strathclyde, is the home of the Atholl

ain's only private army - relic of the clan system when each chieftain raised an army at the king's call and maintained Duke of Atholl, Representing the castle in the Ancestral Collections catalogue is a handcut glass beaker (£144), copied from a pair in the castle's white drawing enough to use as an ice bucket and is decorated with 22-carat gold chinoiserie. Lady Victoria's do-

main, Burghley House, has a park landscaped by Capability Brown. The house was built in the late 16th century by one of the great Elizabethans, William Cecil, a Lord Mayor of London and High Treasurer to Elizabeth I. The catalogue offers a copy of a Delft charger (£380) from an original in Burghley House's huge collection. Deborah Sears, an Oxford artist, takes two days to hand-paint each plate with the fine blue scene of Burghley House as it appeared in 1745. "Deborah is one of the few people doing real Delft any more." Lady Victoria says.

Castle Howard, Nort

Yorkshire, built in the early 18th century, is still the home of the Howard family. It was the setting for the television series Brideshead Revisited and The Buccaneers and is represented in the catalogue by a solid hardwood, hand-carved Georgian stool (£390), the most expensive item on offer, and a replica of one of a set of eight from the 1790s. Also representative of the castle is a resin copy of a crested artillery shell case-carrier from the Boer War, adapted for use as a lavatory brush holder (£67, brush included), which is,

Lady Victoria says, "gc ing like a bomb".

The land at Elton Hall, Peterborough, has been in the Proby family since 1595, and the house since 1660. Its extensive private library includes Henry VIII's prayer book, inscribed by the king and two

of his wives.

The catalogue's offering is an elaborate silver and goldleaf salt container and spoon in the shape of a Paris street vendor holding a basket (£185), copied from a piece created for Elton Hall in the 19th century.

One of the few 20th century pieces is a hand-worked, fringed tapestry cushion (£85) from a William Morris design of irises, primroses and strawberries.

Although Knebworth house

strawberries.
Although Knebworth house, Hertfordshire, was built in 1490 to a simple design, its most striking feature is the 19th-century addition of turnets, domes, gargoyles and a Gothic interior, the inspiration of the Victorian novelist Edward Bulwer Lytton.

he house is represented in the catalogue by a pair of plaster bookends (£65) depicting chubby little girls. The originals were chosen for Knebworth's nursery by Sir Edward Lutyens at the turn of the century.

"In choosing the five houses, I sharnelessly went to people I knew well," Lady Victoria says. But selecting the 30 pieces for the catalogue was not easy. "Of course, certain objects looked right in the grand houses, but unsuitable for a 12ft x 15ft sitting room."

Finding the right people to recreate the objects was more difficult still. "We made about 600 telephone calls," Lady Victoria says. "Often people would say, 'No, we can't do that, but I know someone who can', and we'd find another supplier. Lots of our suppliers are really one-man bands."

Roger Horchow, known in America for his stylish, and pricey, gift and clothing catalogues, advised on the collection. "He is sort of a guru as far as I'm concerned," Lady Victoria says, "He gave us three pieces of very good advice. One, start small. Two, do it all yourself or you will never learn how the business runs. Three, don't go for the big, glamorous, easy mailing lists — go for people who have

earned their own money."

The 'wo partners hope to start a retail outlet when the capital is available and, in the future, Ancestral Collections may offer historic tours. Preparation is under way for the next catalogue selection.

NANCY PATTON WOOD

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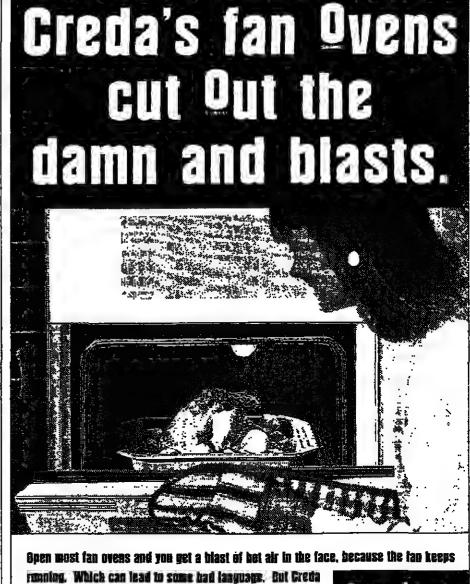
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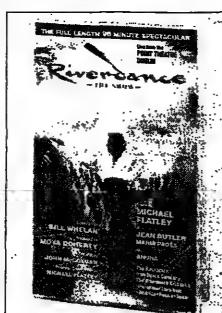
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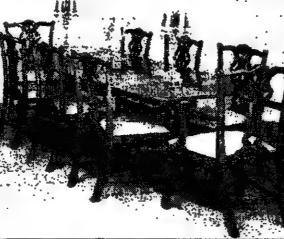
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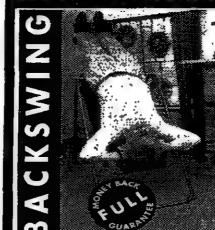


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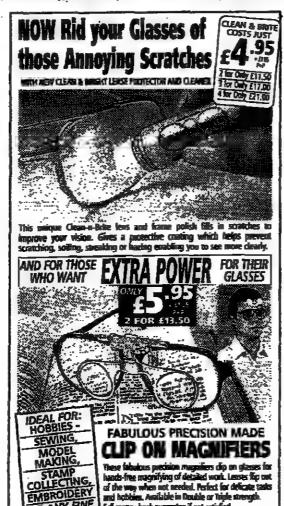
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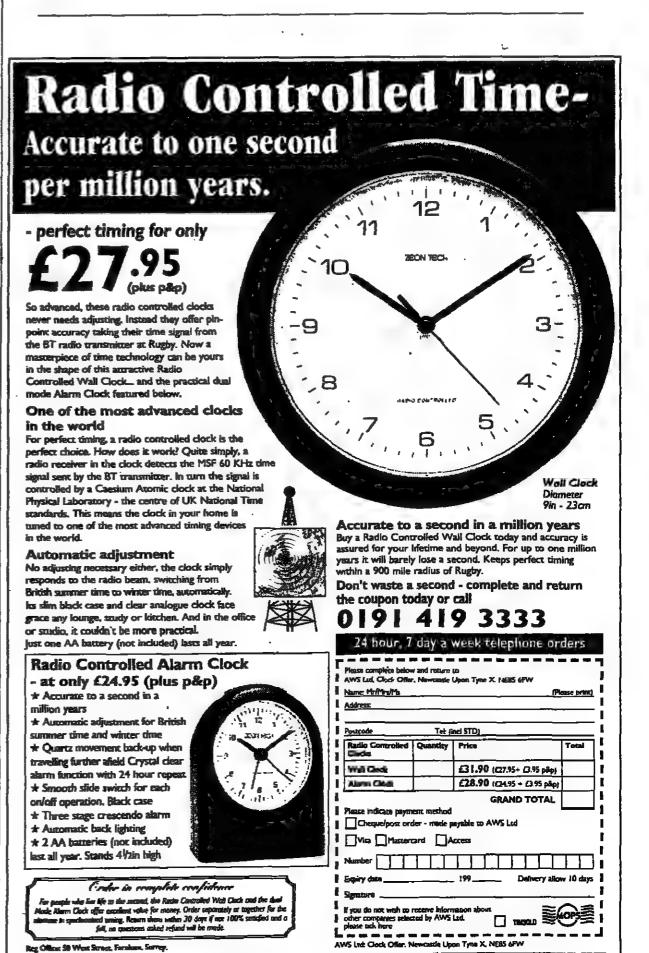


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Rachel Kelly reports on a new life for redundant country house hotels

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They also found 1,000 plastic shower caps, an old AA sign with two stars, 40 royalwedding flags, 20 coffee jugs and hundreds of "Do not enter" signs. The house had previously been a hotel.

The Thompsons bought it from the receivers for £270,000. Four years earlier it had been advertised for £650,000, but there were no takers. In the interim, it had been repeatedly broken into and vandalised.

Mrs Thompson says: "We were looking for a four or fivebedroom house but couldn't find anything we liked. Then my husband saw this horrendous pile. What family of four wants wants a 17-bedroom house? But he persuaded me to look at it, and I just sat in the car and laughed."

The house was grey and depressing, Mrs Thompson says. "It had been empty for years after the hotel went bankrupt, and was covered in mould, with water pouring in through the roof. The six-acre garden was overgrown. The

hen Lucy and the property had boarded up the broken doors and win-

For six weeks, the family lived in the "dinky and smelly coach house".

"Every morning I woke up and hoped it was all just a bad a dream." Mrs Thompson says. "Then I realised, 'Oh. my God, it's real"."

Gradually, the house has been refurbished. The £50,000 cost includes reroofing, rewir-ing and replumbing. Three years later, the family have a well-proportioned house with ten bedrooms.

The space has been gobbled up: a wood store here, a study there, and one room kept free for Mrs Thompson's photography. The spare kitchens have become a garage.
Part of the house has been

let. The Thompsons had not planned to rent out any part of the house until it was refurbished, but a passing couple said they would take some rooms as they were. They now occupy a flat with a sitting room, kitchen, bathroom and two double bedrooms.

The only reminder of the house's previous existence is that former guests still turn up

This is a success story. The family bought the house cheaply because they sought a home at the time of a depressed hotels market. Local

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Rachel Hayward's new home is a former ten-bedroom hotel near Barnstaple. Devon

agents say that a similar property in the residential market could have cost double (excluding conversion costs). Can other people repeat this. success? Does it still make sense to buy and convert a former country house hotel? The main problem is find-

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ing such a property. When the Thompsons bought, country house hotels were one of the worst victims of the recession, but agents Knight Frank re-ports that 1995 showed signs of recovery. "Companies such as Stakis, Arcadian, Principal and Paramount Hotels have

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hotel acquisitions in the past 12 months," says: Alistair Bell, Knight Frank's partner in hotels. The recovery in the market means that only those country bouse hotels which failed utterly are available for conversion to country houses. "In the main, these will be hotels IF IT WAS IN COTSWOLD

> towns," says Derek Gammage, also of Knight Frank. These characteristics could be exactly the ones which appeal to the private buyer. In a housing market short of attractive, correctly priced country properties, converting a hotel could be an answer — if planning permission is granted and conversion expenses

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add up. den potential gems? agents Knight Frank, Savills, and Brodie's in Edinburgh also sell hotels.

Patrick Ryan, Christie's managing director, has selected several properties that might be suitable for conversion.

One is only for the brave. Chilston Park is outside Lenham, near Maidstone, Kent. The fine, mainly 17thcentury, Grade I listed building was converted into a hotel ten years ago. One drawback is its £2 million price tag. Others are the 38 bedrooms, all with en suite bathrooms. the five dining rooms, a draw-ing room, and billiard room.

More manageable, perhaps, is Priory Court Hotel, near Pevensey, East Sussex. The 17th-century building has nine bedrooms and seven bathrooms, is in two acres and for sale at £495,000.

nother possibility is Donavourd House Hotel, in six acres by Pitlochry in Perthshire. It has seven bedrooms and five bathrooms and is for sale for £310,000.

Of course, the really adventurous could consider running the hotel themselves, or let out rooms. The Hayward family used to stay in the ten-bedroom, eight-bathroom Coulsworthy House Hotel in six acres near Barnstaple, Devon: Several years later, they saw it had gone out of business and was for sale. They bought it for £190,000, and spent about £10,000 on the conversion, with the idea of

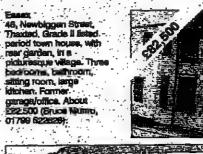
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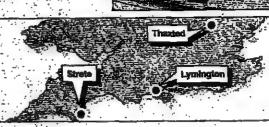
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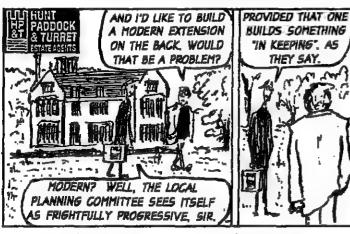
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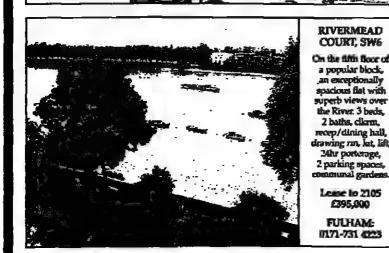
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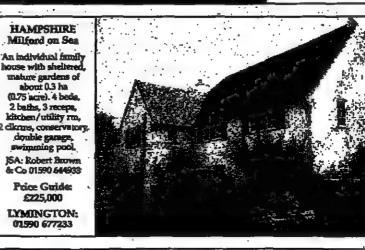
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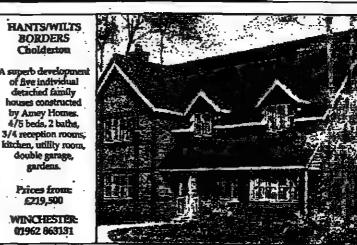


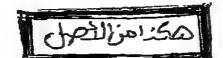


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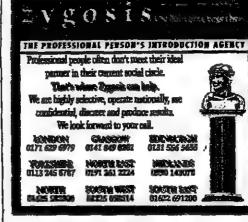
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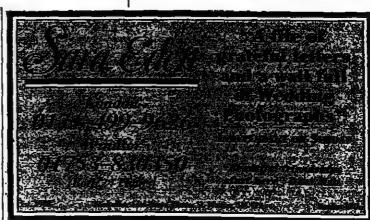
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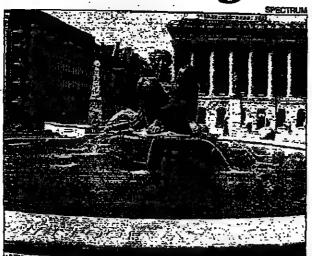


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OUTDOORS

New life is trickling back into our parks and city squares, thanks to the Fountain Society

Urban guerrillas go with the flow



The new fountain in Birmingham's Victoria Square

thelma Seear's selfstyled guerrilla army withdrew in triumph to a nearby tapas bar. another prime target re-connoitred. The quest on this particular Sunday was London's refurbished Spitalfields market - and the last and biggest of the late Rowland Emmen's animated water features, A Quiet Afternoon

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> in Cloud Cuckoo Valley. Ms Seear, the Fountain Society's founder, liked what she saw. "This is a fun fountain," she said, stabbing vigorously at the button of her carncorder. "In Italian villas, vou would encourage guests to sit down and they would get soaked. Wit in the use of water is very important."

> Emmett's creations sprang into life on the quarter-hour. A lime green train chugged past. The huge water wheel slopped into overdrive. Ms Secar's people gushed in chorus. "Fountains bring a jole de vivre." said Elizabeth Woodhouse, a painter from Surrey.
> The Spitalfields fountain fulfils the society's first re-

quirement - it flows. The registered charity tenaciously champions the cause of fountains that do not. "A dry fountain is a dead fountain," Ms Seear says. She founded the society, which has 500 members in Britain and abroad, in 1986 because she considered Britain to be "seriously under-fountained": Magnificent creations of our Victorian forebears seemed to be dying of thirst. "Fountains are the Cinderellas of our heritage." Ms Seear she once wrote, "Many are neglected, desolate and not working. Marcus Agrippa built 500 fountains in Rôme in one year.

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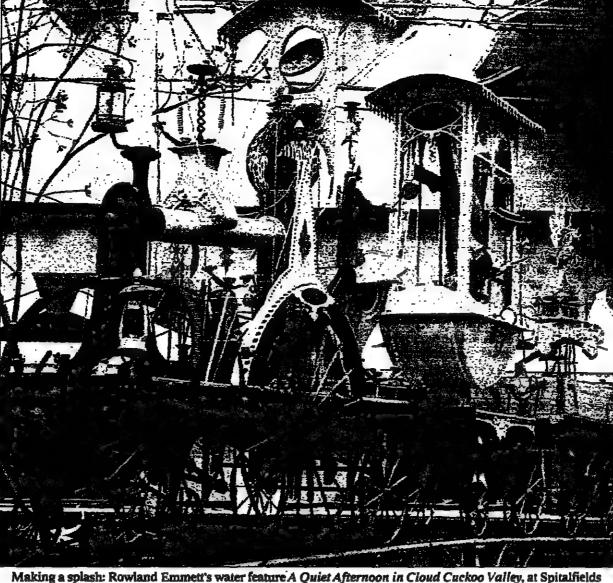
It will take us longer.".

lacked precise figures with which to underpin its case. "I don't know how many fountains we have. I just know there aren't enough of them." she says. "Other countries are more committed. Let's take Rome, Paris and Barcelona as examples. There, wherever you go, the fountain has a

Prince Charles agreed to become the society's president. Buoyed by this royal patronage. Ms Seear launched a crusade for a national fountain renaissance. The societ pledged to lobby for dead fountains to flow again and for new ones to be created. Campaigns would also be waged for the restoration and provi-sion of water features, such as cascades and waterfalls. "Our strength is in guerrilla war-fare." says Ms Seear, who once breathed the smoke of battle as a Westminster city councillor. "If you see a fountain not working, take practical steps to get the owner to make it work again."

A survey in 1986 of 42 fountains in London revealed that a third of them had dried up. Similar reports flooded in from around the country. The Mother and Child Fountain in Basildon was said to have been dry for a whole summer, while vandals with washingup liquid produced feaming fountains at Dover, Eastbourne and Slough.

Authorities now appear happy to bask in the spray generated by the society. Southampton borrowed the organisation's logo and re-christened itself. The City With A Sparkle". Birmingham also has spectacular new fountains, most notably the one in Victoria Square in the heart of the city. Of the dry fountains The society has always singled out, many have since



Making a splash: Rowland Emmett's water feature A Quiet Afternoon in Cloud Cuckoo Valley, at Spitalfields

been restored, including those in London's Kensington Gardens. The society, in its tenth anniversary year, has launched a search for Britain's best new fountain - and aims to make the year 2000 the Year

eanwhile, on our Sunday in London, we also saw an ingeniously modern 20st-wide cascade flowing noisily down slopes of granite near Liverpool Street Station. Through flected in the windows, the trains seem awash. "It's magnificent," shouted Nigel Holloway, another member of the society, "It reminds one a little of the Caserta Cascade at the Royal Palace in Naples." The society organises at least

one visit to Europe each year. Square. Through its windows, Taxis took us to the Geffrye members were horrified to find the fountains boarded up Museum in east London, early to save revellers from themselves. "It defeated the where members stopped to admire a recently installed fountain in the herb garden. whole object of the venue," Ms Seear says. "But we'd invited Here, Jill Scholar, a sculptor, senior people from the Departpondered the future of founains in Britain. ment of National Heritage, so

"If you want to create a sense of movement and liveliness, in a piece of sculpture, then use the wind. A lot of fountains are boring and invite people to throw their rubbish into them," she says. Ms Seear recalled her childhood in Halifax and the fourtain in People's Park that

inspired her obsession. The structure, long since derelict. may soon flow again. She also recalled the society's 1994 Christmas party in the Grand away." For the 1995 party, the fountains remained uncovered. A watershed, perhaps.

we were able to lobby straight

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BRIAN PEDLEY

On guard in the gorse bush

Feather report

STONECHATS have been compared to guardsmen. They are very upright birds, and the males have a black head like a busby. But that is where the comparison stops - because

they can never keep still. They live mainly among gorse bushes and, as they thit between the tall sprays at the top, they constantly flick their wings and flirt their tails. They also call all the time, with a sharp "tack tack" note that sounds like two stones being knocked together. That is how they get their name.

The males are very colour-ful, with a bright orange breast, a broken white collar, and an almost black back in the summer. Lord Grey of Fallodon, in his book The Charm of Birds, mentions an outing on which he saw an outstanding trio of colourful birds all sitting near each other — a stonechat, a yellowhammer and a linnet. All three of them are common on gorse heaths.

Stonechats are closely related to robins, and both of them search for food in the same way - scruti-nising the ground for insects from a perch, and flying down to pick them up. But whereas robins generally use a concealed perch, stonechats sit conspicuously on those tall gorse sprays.

They are expert at choosing

just the right ones — high enough to give a wide range of vision, but low enough to drop down on their prey before it escapes, and without wasting energy. They do it by instinct, though for us it would be an elaborate mathematical calcu-

The males usually use a higher perch as their songpost, and also as a taking-off point for their song flights. when they dance up and down in the air. They have a brisk

little warble, like a more musical hedge sparrow. Stonechats are most commonly found on coastal heaths, especially in the west of England, but in winter they roam further alield, and often turn up on waste ground. On allotments they are occasionally seen perching on garden spades, just like a robin.

seem to be mostly unpaired individuals, because the pairs often spend all the year together in the same territory. Some times the same perches in the mature gorse are used from generation to generation. The female has duller, brown plumage, and tends to



Stonechats: dancing on air

skulk in the bushes more. She builds a nest low in the gorse and usually lays five or six blue eggs with reddish-brown speckles. Even before the firstbrood young are fledged, she leaves them in the care of the male, and starts building a new nest for the next brood. A stonechat's work, it seems, is

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SAILING: How to tour

the Caribbean and

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once sailed the Caribbean in a crude yacht. Hardly a yacht really, but a clinker-built, open-decked Royal Navy whaler with a loose-footed mainsail driving her down the trade winds. For two days we rolled westwards between Trinidad and Bequia in the Windward Islands; the breeze warm and steady and the waves undulating like oceanic dunes.

At night flying fish would rise from the phosphorescent sea and thud into the sail, startling the off-duty watch. Sleep came easily; hilled by a rocking universe of stars and the whisper of the tropical wind. A recent return to the West Indies brought back those National Service memories. The Caribbean was un-changed, still the same rum-dark sea at sunset, with islands thrusting dramatically from the horizon, tall and tree-clad and fringed with bright rims of sand. Only the yacht had changed. Cap, our vessel, was crewed rather than crude, 52 million worth of French elegance, 76st long with an interior designed by Olivier Lafourcade and incorporating, according to the prospectus, a blend of teak, dappled mahogany and Finland birch". The exterior hull was maroon-glazed metal, utterly sleek and built to conquer oceans; worlds away from the whaler that had introduced me to these islands.

We joined the ship in Antigua late after a little local difficulty involving the undercarriage of a British West Indies Airways Tri-Star. "Grab hold of your ankles," yelled the stewardess as the aircraft touched down in Barbados and started to vibrate like a cat after a pigeon. Lockers burst open and the television projector above my head crashed down. I was looking round for some ankles to grab when the aircraft shuddered to a halt and then limped from the runway behind a breakdown truck. A smoother and less eventful flight brought us to where we should have been, close by English harbour in Antigua where the cockpit of

Cap was laid out for dinner. Marc Lamaison, the captain of Cap. explained that the aim behind offering a crewed yacht was to allow even those unable to distinguish a reefing handle from a bowsprit the pleasure of sailcruising the Caribbean in a comfortable



Cruise control: the majestic Cap

and clients could, as they wished, help to steer the boat or man the decks. Cap ranks in the top luxury class offered by Moorings, a yacht charter company, and up to eight guests can be accommodated in four en-suite and airconditioned cabins. A distant rumbling in the bows next morning signalled that

Benoit, the crewman, was operating the

windlass to lift the anchor.

he yacht slid under way, manoeuvring among the vast colony of sailing craft anchored in Falmouth harbour. Antigua, in the Leeward Islands, was discovered by Columbus in 1493 and settled by the English in 1632. For centuries it was a British colony with Nelsonian associations. Sail-cruising al-

lows ample time for exploring ashore. With the wind across the stern and a purple spinnaker blossoming from Cap's enormous mast, the yacht surged along at ten knots as dolphins kept pace with the bow. Long before sunset we were anchored off Pinney's Beach on Nevis, the - in Cap's case luxurious - and next island in the Leeward chain, with substantial yacht. Cap had a crew of three cocktails in the Four Seasons hotel bar. "Is

that your yacht?" the president of a Milwaukee canning factory enquired as Cap lay majestically at rest against a curtain of golden light. "Gee, that's just wonderful. Makes me feel trapped," he said. This was pure Boyhood of Raleigh stuff, with the old seadog pointing at the horizon before an audience of wistful youths. The canning president need not yearn. Moorings offers a Club Mariner package which is hotel-based but provides a taste of a private yachting holiday aboard one of the company's craft. I left Cap and its lush comfort at Oyster

Pond on the east coast of St Martin and transferred to the prestige-class catamaran Vision, with Jean-François Chevallier as skipper. For anyone worried about the way yachts tilt under sail, Vision is the boat to choose. The catamaran appears to be as broad as it is long, and slips across the sea under a 100sq m main as a stable, high-speed platform. A shallow draught and good manoeuvrability from the 50hp diesel on each hull allows Vision to anchor close to deserted beaches and islets. We cruised around Anguilla, with lunch in Crocus Bay, and the Prickly Pear Cays before returning to stay overnight at

Marigot Bay, St Martin. The final leg of the tour was from Tortola in the British Virgin Islands on board a crewed 50-footer called Star Gazer. This was a yachtsman's yacht, large enough for comfort but compact enough to give more of the essence of sailing than the luxury and prestige classes. Dave Christiensen and his wife Gail were delightful, relaxed company. and there was ample chance to help sail the boat down Sir Francis Drake Channel to Virgin Gorda and the Bitter End yacht

marina on Prickly Pear Island. The Caribbean has a fascinating scattering of islands and the most rewarding way to explore them is by sail. For nonsailors a yacht crewed by obliging professionals is the way to do it.

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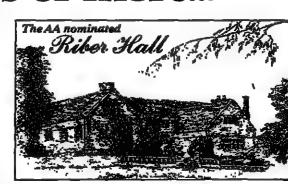
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Iris trumpets call for winter colour

Stephen Anderton digs into beautiful clumps of irises and explains how best to grow them for the garden and for the vase

flower of Iris unguicularis (Iris stylosa as was), taken from the garden a couple of hours ago. In the warmth of the house, the bud has opened to a full flower of lilac mauve and, from close to, there is a definite perfume. But should you pick or pull winterflowering irises?

There seems to be two schools of thought on this, and it has nothing to do with whether you prefer your Martinis shaken or stirred. Pulling makes sense to me, because I, unguicularis, the Algerian iris, has almost no stalk. When collecting them for a winter vase, what is actually taken is the bin-long trumpet of the flower, the longest flower tube in the genus Iris. It is as if one were to take the trumpet off a daffodil and put it in water, leaving behind the seed capsule and the stalk. If the iris is going to be of any use in a vase it needs to be as long as possible, and pulling helps to

Crocuses and colchicums also have long tubes and, like I. unguicularis. have the seed capsule down in the base of the leaves. By whom or by what nature intended these seeds to be distributed I am not sure, but in crocuses the seed capsules sit there at ground level after the leaves have withered ready to be knocked open by

Colchicums flower in autumn, then extend a stalk with the seedhead on top the following spring, at the same time as the leaves. You might almost mistake them for green tulip buds. But the weed capsules of I. unguicularis remain down among the leaves and the leaves never wither. So unless mice or, perhaps, ants get in there to remove the seeds, they stand every chance of germinating inside an existing clump, causing no end of

horticultural confusion. Did you ever wander why clumps of some of the weaker varieties of I. unguicularis seem to revert to mauve, or some indeterminate colour? Mostly the colour change is not reversion but occurs because seed-

lings have arisen within the clump. If all forms of l. unguicularis were equally good this would not matter, but some are much freer flowering and others have bigger flowers, stronger colours, or better perfume.

When buying a plant it is worthwhile getting a good form. Favourites include 'Walter Butt', a large and fragrant pole silver-lilac, and 'Mary Barnard', a pleasing violet-blue. 'Starker's Pink' sounds like a good colour but is, in fact, lavender pink, and dwarf, which makes it less

successful as a cut flower. Gardeners often prefer to let their irises remain in situ. in which case the untidy quality of the leaves becomes a matter for concern. They look a mess and, were it not a winterflowering plant, it would surely be relegated to the BIO (botanical inter-

est only) category.

To ensure that the flowers can be seen at flowering time, gardeners have the urge to pull out the old, dead eaves and to reduce the height of the foliage in general. But when to do it? Some people prefer August. This allows the foliage a chance to regrow sufficiently to look respectable through the winter, but not so thickly that the flowers are lost.

Cutting in August leaves rather a lot of blunt-ended leaves visible through the winter. Some people cut in April. after flowering but before growth starts. By winter the leaves will be langer, up to 24in or more, but

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- Dress with time those areas of the vegetable garden intended for brassicas (cabbage family).
- Keep greenhouse watering cans or tanks full, so that water when required is not icy from the tap. Spray fruit trees with tar oil wash in still weather, to kill

overwintering eggs of insect pests.

ends. The choice is yours, and both systems weaken the plant. Fortunately, I. unguicularis is a tough old bird. Give it rich, moist soil

and it will grow like pampas grass, but never flower. Plant it in sunny, rubbly, limey soil and it will have much less leaf but plenty of flower.

A summer baking is what it needs, and if there is a mass of smothering, succulent foliage, the sun can never get down into the clump to encourage the rhizomes to flower - another

good reason for cutting in August.
Pulling out the old leaves is a frustrating job. You will never get a clean, all-green clump, because the old leaves hang on to the bitter end and come away only when old and completely dead. The newly dead will not pull away. But is is worth doing what you can, because the great enemy of Algerian irises is slugs, and the fewer hiding places in the clump, the freer they will be of the pest.

or gardens without hot sun and well-drained soil, there is an alternative - Iris lazica. It is similar in many ways to I. unguicularis and flowers on and off from October to March. It is evergreen, has broader, more attractive foliage and its flowers are slightly shorter, and generally a darker shade of mauve or purple.

The chief virtue of I. lazica is that it will flower in moist shade, say the gardening books, but read "shade" with some scepticism. Dappled shade is probably correct. In Northumber-land, I used to grow it in dry, southfacing sandy soil, and it flowered prolifically, with no bleaching of the foliage. In the hotter south, dappled shade is the equivalent condition.

Both irises are best divided in September, and should not be broken up into small pieces. Even large offsets will take a few years to settle down to flowering again. Their questing, wiry roots are very long, and need to be thoroughly at home before they think about procreation: life in the arid lands was never easy.

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I grew some standard fuchsias from cuttings last year. How should I prune them so that they will do well again this year?

— Mrs K.M. Robb, Wooler. Northumberland, Keep your fuchsias

A cool and on the dry side during the winter, giving just enough moisture from time to time to keep them from wilting. In spring, repot them and prune back the head of the bush, taking main shoots back to two pairs of buds, and taking out weak shoots. When the new shoots break, nip out the tips, after four to five pairs of leaves, to encourage a bushy head. Feed well as the season progresses with liquid tomato fertiliser. Rub off any sucker shoots on the stem.

My two-year-old potgrown Crambe cordifolia has not flowered. Why? — Mrs M.E. Hum, Chichester, West Sussex.

A clump of crambe in full summer sail is quite a sight. When it flowers, a hollow trunk shoots up from coarse, kalelike foliage to branch and burst into a thousand white stars. One plant is good, but three is amazing. The trunks need staking, because they will rise to 7ft. with a dome of flower half as much across. It is not an easy plant to pot-up. If you lift a crown, you will have to slice off a bud with some of the fat, arm-like roots attached. The chances are that the main floweringsized buds will be in the middle of the clump, and almost unpottable without

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including the whole clump or without cutting off all the roots. Meanwhile, all the bits of root you left behind sprout new crambe plants. Crambe is most easily grown from seed, using modest amounts of compost. But you have to wait three or four years for the crown to reach flowering size. A word of caution: do not feed it too much nitrogen, which makes the crown soft and sometimes rot or go hollow. Give it rough, well-drained soil.

By how much, and when, should I cut back my straggly threeyear-old lithospermum? -P. Miles, Gosport, Hamp-

A Lithospermum diffus-um, or Lithodora diffusa as it is now called. looks wonderful as a firstyear plant in a small pot and covered in intense, deep-blue tubular flowers. But it serves best when grown among other low, time-hating plants. To encourage neatness and density of foliage, nip out the tips of the leading shoots regularly, forcing it to branch out sideways. Planted on its own, it almost always becomes bald at the centre in two to three years.

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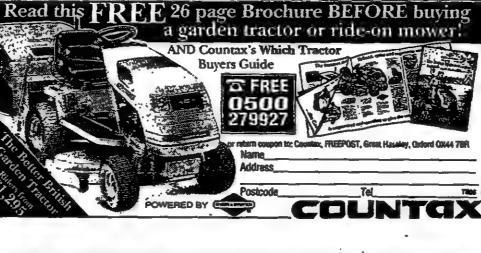
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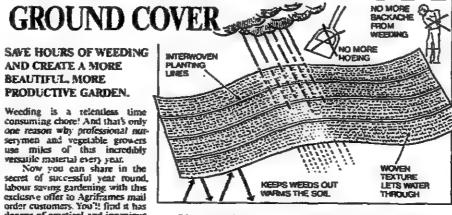
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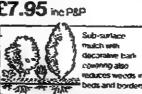


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Your garden doesn't have to be waist-high in nettles and grass to encourage wildlife to flourish

lmost everyone likes the idea of wildlife in a garden, but the zeal of the more fanatically greenminded can be unnerving. Pay too much heed to purists and you'll find yourself racked with guilt for giving a well-executed piece of topiary even the briefest of admir-

ing glances.
Plant only pure species, they advise, to attract local fauna. Have weeds in the lawn, permit nettles to rampage in the borders (for butterflies), and install a large "natural" pond with a bog area and sloping sides for slimy things to crawl in and out of. All good in theory, of course, but impractical for most small, modern gardens.

in any gardening activity, a certain amount of ecological disturbance is inevitable, but you can do plenty for the wild things without having to compromise your art. Even if your design is strictly formal, with no space for miniature meadows or wild woodland corners, your garden is probably more wildlife-friendly than you think. And, with a few minor adjust-ments, it could become as ecologically correct as an unkempt

A good garden is not possible without a good design, but what-ever the style, wildlife-friendly features are easy to accommodate. Even a tiny terrace has possibili-ties, but artistic wildlife gardening is easier on a larger scale. At Hatfield House in Hertfordshire, for example. Lady Salisbury has managed to keep faith with the garden's four centuries of history by blending formal and informal styles, thus accommodating both wild and non-wild.

In the Royal Horticultural Soci-

Devon, it is interesting to see how the original garden, developed by Lady Anne Berry in the 1960s and 1970s, has run in constant sympathy with its wild combeland site and is rich with interesting species. Rosemoor's new gardens, however, developed over the past decade, have not attempted such a harmo-nious relationship and, though magnificent, lack the same ecological richness.

Lady Anne allowed her gardens to merge into the woodland, per-mitting primroses, bluebells and red campion to cross the boundary and partner her Chinese thododendrons and American hollies. But she was a stickler for garden discipline and never permitted a single weed in any of her borders. She had a gardener and a part-time helper but they had to cover fourand-a-half acres of land, so she did sometimes use chemicals sparingly so that the wildlife areas could happily cohabit.

On a smaller scale, accommodating wildlife without ruining the garden presents more of a challenge, but is still feasible. Wildlife needs cover - somewhere to live undisturbed — so introducing thick ground-cover plants such as cranesbills, bergenias or lungworts makes a good start, and gives a gorgeous display.

Resisting the temptation, in autumn, to cut back perennials and tidy the borders will result in a softer environment for species which overwinter here. Few sights are as attractive, for instance, as goldfinches feeding on Michaelmas. daisy seeds with winter sun highlighting their scarlet faces, and yellow wing bars. Sparener yellow wing bars. Stirrmer perennials do better if not cut back until early spring, and will look almost as lovely in winter when



Green belt ecological disturbance is inevitable in any garden but Lady Salisbury has managed to blend formal and informal styles at Hatfield House to great effect

this need not be a muddy slope.

Paving, set close to the water's edge.

will serve almost as well. Sub-

merged baskets, furnished with tall

plants such as irises or rushes, will

provide cover and emerging points

The mainstay of decorative con-

Back to nature: garden tips and eco-friendly plants Long grass is important for wildlife, providing a habitat for wildlife, providing a habitat for several links in the food chain, but SIMPLE TIPS FOR WILDLIFE AND BEAUTY: Consider dry stone walking. Wrens and this can nest, reptiles can hilbernate and interesting plants can grow in trying to turn the family lawn into a

mist and frost throw their profiles

ver meadow is seldom practica-

ble. Small areas of long grass,

however, will allow a compromise. Corners by trees or walls, small

patches between shrubs or steep banks which present mowing diffi-culties could all be set aside for this.

since introducing long grass in our

Lincolnshire garden, we have en-

joyed speckled woods, ringlets,

small heaths and other meadow

Conservationists who recommend nettles in the border, however, are wishing an unnecessary

evil upon garderiess. Wild nettles

grow almost everywhere and net-the-feeding peacock and small tor-

toisestiell, butterflies, though they

breed on wasteland constantly

visit gardens for their flowers.

Water, we are told, is essential for

an ecological garden. Presumably.

utterflies will arrive,

seemingly from nowhere.

Several need grass as food

for their caterpillars and,

into soft focus.

land species:

If making a bower or seating area, furnish it with paving slabs over dry, sandy cavities, so that amphibians, perticularly toads, can hibernate there.

"Legitimise" long grass areas by routing close-mo piths through them, or by having fine lawn running up to them to make a bold contrast.

 Avoid fussy pond fountains that disturb the whole water surface. Insects prefer still water. Place a large log or tree trunk as a feature over which to grow climbers. As it decays, it will feed and house many

Good tooking, een-friendly plants:

• Cotoneaster horizontalis: nectar, fruits for food plus

cover. On a wall, it is also a good vehicle for climbers. Geranium macrorrhizum — virtually evergreen, fine flowers in late spring, grows anywhere, makes

• Ivy: especially Hedera colshica: "Sulphur Heart": and H Helix, 'Heise'.

· Hawthorns: go for late-blooming species such as Crataegus tanacetifo • Lavender: plant hedges or groups of Lavandula angustifolia: 'Hidoxie' — nectar for seeds; L. rediviva; 'Honesty' attracts orange-tip butterfiles.

 Mountain ashes: try Sorbus hupehensis (pink berries) or S. cashmiriana (white berries, pink blossom) Single-flowered roses: look for Rasa mayesii or

ramblers such as R. filipes. Vinca, Periwinkles: provide good spring colour and cover for voles, mice and slow worms.

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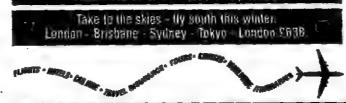
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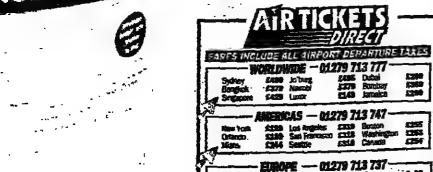
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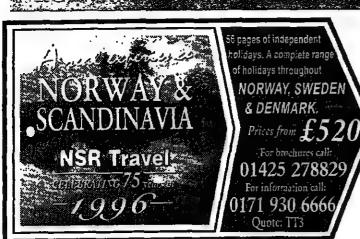
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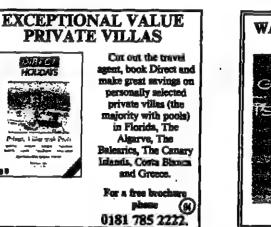
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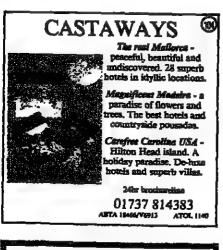


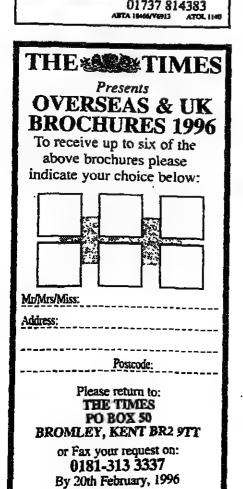




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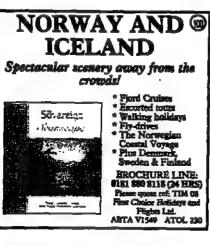
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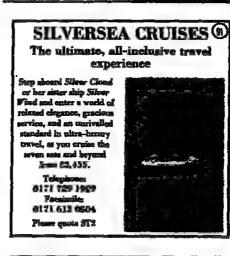


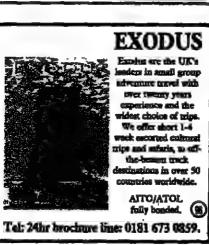
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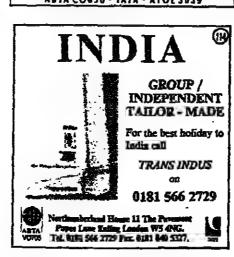














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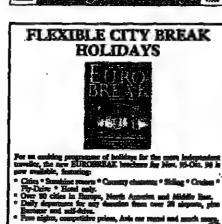
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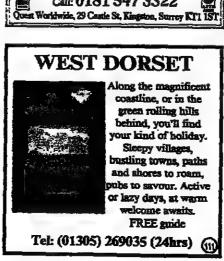
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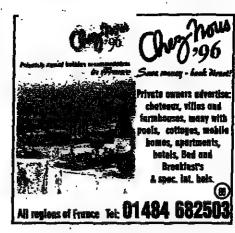




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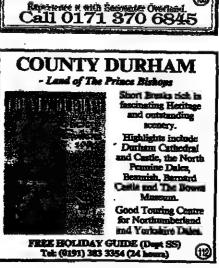


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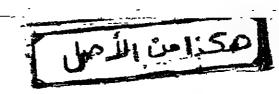












PUNCHLINE

by Raymond Keene

LUKE McSHANE'S achievement in becoming, at 11, the youngest British player ever to defeat a grandmaster in a formal tournament has amazed chess devotees around the country. Indeed, his record in defeating grandmaster Colin McNab eight days before his 12th birthday will stand with the best and certainly goes into the chess history books.

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Each year the nation's chess fans travel to Hastings for the traditional New Year Congress, founded in 1895 and thus celebrating its centenary over the turn of the year. As the world's longest running chess tournament. Hastings has witnessed exploits on the 64 squaresby most of the greats, including Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine and the Soviet champions, Botvinnik and Karpov.

Luke was recognised as an outstanding talent at the age of five, when he frequented the London Chess Centre in Clapham, where he fives. His early teacher was the centre's director, Julian Simpole, followed by the grandmaster Daniel King. In 1992 he won the world championship for Under-10s at Duisberg in Germany.

Luke's achievement betters those of Britain's grandmasters such as Nigel Short and Michael Adams, both of whom had to wait until their teens before winning their first grandmaster scalp.

A boost to Luke's career, unavailable to British champions and prodigles of the past, has been ongoing support from a computer company. Psion, which ensures that he can take up tournament opportunities, and continue his regular tuition from grandmasters such as King and Jon Speelman. Nigel Short first beat a

grandmaster at the age of 14, when he crushed Tony Miles in the 1979 British Championship. Michael Adams beat James Plaskett in 1985, when he was just 13. Luke's achievement has brought him remarkably close to the world record itself. In October 1922, just before his 11th birthday, Sammy Reshevsky defeated grandmaster David Janowsky in New York. As far as I can see, this record still stands.

Here then is Luke's win: White: McShane; Black: McNab Hastings Challengers 1995 Pire Defence

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If 10 Nxe4, d5 regains the piece.

10 ... Rxf7 11 Nm4
12 Nigs Rt8 13 0-0
14 Nbd6+ exf6 15 Ne4
18 Nb5 Cxf8 19 Bt4
20 h4 e6 21 Ma3
22 a5 Bd7 23 Rte1
24 Nc4 Be8 25 Rs2
26 Rse3 Bb5 27 Nb6
28 c4 Qf6

The game has been characterised by slow manoeuvre, but White's control of the e-file and greater domination of terrain gives him the advantage. For example, at this point White could consider the dangerous sacrifice 29 Re6 and if 29





40 Be5. Although Black appeared to have gained some respite by trading queens, the clumsy pos-ition of his bishops now leads to a forced loss of material.

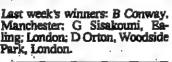
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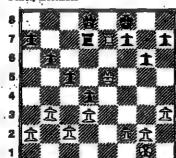
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By Raymond Keene THIS position is from the game Kwiletski - Roslinski, Poland 1954. White is actively placed, but with his counter-attack against the rook on e7, Black seems to have everything under control. How did White show that this is not the case? White to move.

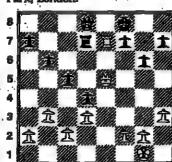
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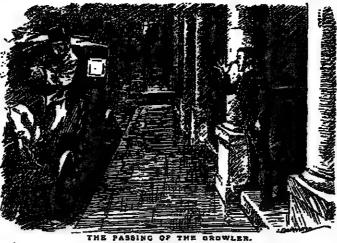
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by Robert Sheehan

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Meckstroth (West) did the best he could do by passing — Five Diamonds goes for 800. descendant is the Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship, now run in association with The Times and The Sunday Times. Seven of the 16 pairs competing this year are current World Champions.

This is a hand from the 1995 event, showing that even the best can muddle their entries on a bad day. The East-West pair, Meck-stroth and Rodwell, won the tournament. Along with Hamman and Wolff, and Nickell and Freeman, they also won the 1995 Bermuda Bowl. The declarer was Pietro Forquet, a regular member of the great Italian Blue Team. They are all playing in the Macallan this year, alongside the People's Champions. Zia Mahmood and Omar

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Lead: eight of clubs

Forquet (South) opened One Spade and was raised to Four Spades. Rodwell (East) doubled and

Forquet mistakenly won the club lead in hand. To set up his king of diamonds before the defence estab-lished their club trick, he had to cross to dummy with a trump. When he played a diamond from durniny, Rodwell went in with the ace and played a second club. The declarer now had to come to hand with a second trump to cash the king of diamonds. He then contin-ued with a low heart. West put in the jack, covered by the queen and king. East continued by playing a third round of clubs, forcing dum-

my to ruff. When declarer played a second round of hearts. East ducked, enabling West to win and play a third round of trumps. The declarer was restricted to five spade tricks in hand, the king of diamonds, the ace and king of clubs and one ruff. It was a good defence, but

declarer does better to win the first club in dummy, and play a diamond. Then later the declarer plays a heart to the queen, and the defence can only get in two rounds of trumps. Thus the declarer gets one more ruff in dummy. • The 1996 Macallan Pairs Championship will be played at the White House Hotel, Albany Street, London NWI, on January 24, 25 and 26. You can watch at the tables or

in the Viewgraph theatre. Tickets are available from The Macallan Box Office. 31 Queens Road, Mortlake. London SW14 8PH. For information telephone (0181-878 5844).

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COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

"COME on, we can stop them before they unload their eggs." So says one of the gallant, stiff upper lips in the First World War dogfight game Wing Nuts. This is a wacky airborne shoot-em-up laced with tongue-in-cheek humour. Here the enemy is the Prussians, a dastardly foe which has found a short cut to your airbase and so has started staging surprise attacks. The Prussians also have "an airship so enormous it blocks the suni".

As the ace in the squadron, you must scramble into the sky in your Sopwith Pup, Triplane or Camel and try to shoot down one of the Bosh fleet — an Albatros or, better still, a Fokker triplane. Other mission objectives include blowing up bridges, hot-air ballcons and, ultimately, a Knackwurst, the heavily armed zeppelin. The CD-Rom uses real-time foot-

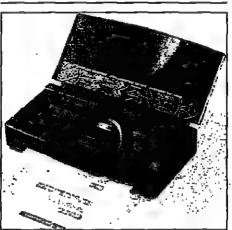
age of real scenery, planes and actors, and in many ways conjures up the atmosphere of the film Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines. Mission scenarios are broken up by chunks of unfolding story, each swiftly acted and fast moving. The script is peppered with tally-ho treats, and at times the cast seems to be having such a good time playing toy soldiers that you think they may burst out

laughing.
Shooting at the enemy isn't a simple blast. The joystick and keyboard controls seem stubborn, but the game re-sponds well to playing with a trackball. Beating an enemy aircraft at its own war game is certainly adrenalin-firing and it's important to keep an eye on the temperature of your gun, for if it overheats you can soon become a defenceless sitting target.

The only hiccup is the quality of the imagery: the resolution and detail of the pictures is low and poorly digitised. Still, this gives Wing Nuts a gritty, grainy feel which suits it.

Wings is the name of a five-disc multimedia encyclopaedia of military aircraft and aviation coming from Maris over the coming 18 months. On Windows and Mac CD-Roms, the title will cover the period from 1915 to the present day, and the first in the series are already out.

by Tim Wapshott



Cyberspace 20's Canon BJC-70 printer

Wings — From Midway to Hiroshima focuses on the final years of the Second World War incorporating the Pacific, European. North African and Russian Theatres of War. Wings - From Korea to Vietnam picks up the catalogue in 1945 and runs with the aviation action to 1975 detailing. among others, combat action in have given the series a better

frozen battlefields and the sweltering jungle. The third thle is Wings — Saigon to the Persian Gulf, a fly-by of

facts from 1976 to the 1990s. The series features 3Drendered models of aircraft and airfields, and uses animations to show combat tactics and the operation of combat weapons to explain the mechanics and strategy behind manoeuvres. The database will build with each disc, ultimately offering a detailed library of 500 planes and 200 weapons systems.

Each CD-Rom features three historical flight sims. putting you at the controls of US Navy Helicats, B-17 Flying Fortresses, RAF Vulcans. Phantoms and an Israeli A4 Skyhawk.

For all this, the Wings collection seems to be at odds with itself. It is detailed, yet lacks a feeling of authority. While each disk includes an hour of live-action video, everything else featured is in animation form, but in this instance more real footage, photographs and, perhaps, actual design plans would

feeling of authenticity. Moreover. the flight-sim elements are poor cousins to the genre.

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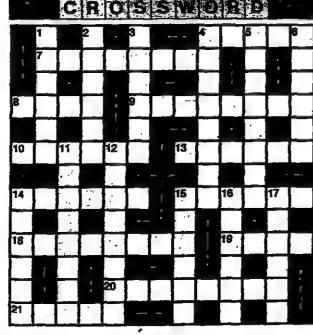
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War is, after all, the universal

perversion ... war stories, the pornography of war." John Rae. 1960.

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD No. 3341: The Hunting of the Quark by Blank



No 683

ACROSS . 4 Off-the-cuff remark (23)

7 Kept alone (8) 8 Walk awkwardly: floppy (4)

9 Twin city of Sedom (8) 10 Vigorous scuffle (6) 13 Sword for thrusting (6) 14 Minister; dost meddle (6)

15 Madrid money (6) 18 Prov. calm body of water

21 Upright (5)

DOWN Social environment (6) 2 Body of writings; Oxford

college (6) 3 Complicated mess (6) 4 Argue for (8)

5 French region, cross (8) 6 Take pains; a nuisance (6) 11 Slender (in design); not famening (8)

12 Bedtime bugle call (4.4) 14 Inflamed spot on skin (6) 19 Vegetable, Welsh symbol (4) 15 Pool of water (6) 20 Staunch, dependable (8) 16 Oriental obeisance (6)

17 Formal pact (6) SOLUTION TO NO 682

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2 Deeply fixed in grey sloth and . . . (7) . . . has less than spine and only part of face (4)

Served at church in Christian times (4) Confinements of giant charged particle separately in convulsive disorder (10)

It was Scrooge, hesitating, parting with wages, taxes (7) Danced or sang or swaggered about first (8) Possibly undersized apron causing row with gun layer? (4) Crv "welcome"! (5) Rest line on support (5) Reveller is one included in duty list with hesitation (9)

Metric areas are south of imperial ones - less cold (4) 12 Indian bread that's filling - on the contrary, it leaves STRONY (5) Well-favoured girl in town in Australia (4)

Records widow's pay too (6) Cut makes police officer lose heart (4) Degenerate king - he will be in pain first (8) 15 You've got nerves, going against headless priests! (4)
16 "Reticula": a person of standing is taken aback by "nets" (7)

 16 There's nothing in extra payments without profit or gifts (5)
 17 Railway lies about natural killer in one locomotive (6) Every one in for every informer (7) German strong enough to life letter bag to top of wall (5)

20 It's not unknown to be a very hairy man (6)
21 St. John's children take off marks (6) Brief moment in wrong direction had a decisive part (4) 22 Threatening if you start right at sea? (10)

22 Father almost always in for giver of money (5) Old French in the manner of hearnless oaf (2) Invader with project against English makes sackings (4) 25 Schuberr's unstarted - distracted by travelling news

25 The Underground? First, "the Underground": bizarre cuphernism (4)

26 Second, it lets trains cross rumps as on regions of high

ground (6) A short poem in Milton's said to have arrused very much Gave allowance for vehicle to soldlers with colour (5) Victory memorial goes to waste away after execution (6) To cry about falling profits (5) Follow the scent of disoriented Turkish spirit (4)

Canadian canoes abandoning Alaska for maori meals (4)

Pay the penalty for bodyguard in very deep water (5) Gather associate wears incomplete badge (8) A knave is a short man with chronic internal pain (5) Stone for grinding, not at a boundary (4) Contracts equals halfpence (5) It's of little value for honoured monk to receive mass (4)

O throw a fish back in game with two sticks (7) Old man, old salt, old soul (4) 38 Most of a small cake's acceptable for an Indian clerk (4) Salmon fly, and break into pieces (5) Erected mound round backward Chinese unit (5)

Squirrel's and pig's homes, but not yards, were once linished [5] 42 Person in inn serves beer with sharp edge instead of vermouth (9)

40 A parrot is a jackdaw with the base too far forward (3)

Penman in a state about objection? On the contrary: the reverse (4) Allosaur alternately changes from lake to river and makes noise (4) Moderate politicians embrace everything where the money

45 Ridge raised by stroke of pick (4) Man! That's a right male pig! (4) 47 Against it, and not turning (4) 48 Ring for fastening threefold slit (6) Bromine absorbing vapour locally yields less solvent (6)

50 In an inner room in a city, a Lord Mayor finds a town-crier

Sacred quest of country girl: to embrace god (5) Harmony man writes note after note after note reflectively (5) Kind at heart - kiss or tell (4)

54 Jan's to endure the miserable place (5) A thicket may be found on top of someone's head (5) He scores billion gold marks: rare surprise, but doesn't take so long (14)

Set a seta back among horse's ribs (5) Tax the loud of voice? Not half (5) Succinct note about bitter vetch (5)

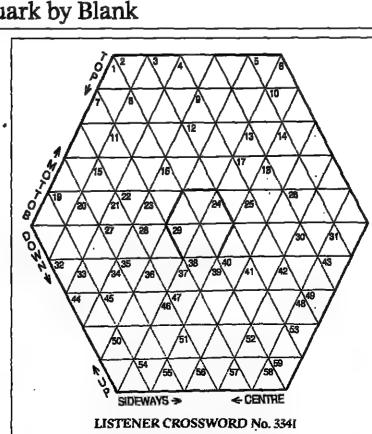
is (7)



Solution to No. 3338: A Commodius Vicus by Aragon The puzzle's title is a reference to the "commodius vicus of recirculation" which brings full-circle the narrative of the novel FINNEGANS WAKE by JAMES AUGUSTINE ALOYSIUS JOYCE. Across lights had their own "recirculation". wrapping round the edge of the diagram where necessary and interlocking with "A LONG THE RIVERRUN", the last and first words of the novel, which can, of course, be found if you "READ THE FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES" as directed by the down letters. The passage of across clues was itself circular, the first word doubling as the last, as hinted at by the punctuation.

ACROSS: the 27 redundant words were. Just, amiable must, extend, suspects, amouncement, unlikely, gentlemen, unfailingly, session, terribly, freelevant, nitwits, essentially, amoral, long-haul, outgiving, Yankee, swiftly, inelegant, unknown, shameless, judgment, outwardly, you, callous, Etruscan — spelling "JAMES AUGUSTINE ALOYSIUS JOYCE".

The winner is K. Mackenzie of Dunblane, Perthshire. The runners-up are D.A.T. Millar of Belfast and A.R. Mills of Cretingham, Suffolk.



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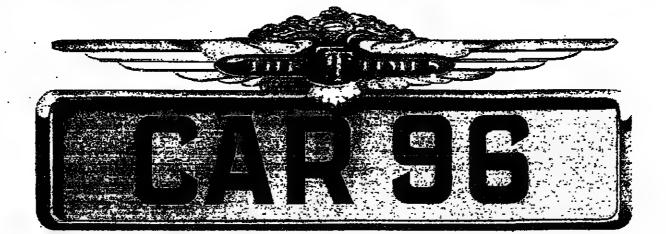
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Passing their test immediately puts young people at risk. Kevin Eason and Hugh Hunston report



Crash course of experience: "I don't know if the car went off the road, but in a split second I was upside down," says Ellie Churchley. "I started to panic because I couldn't open the doors. Now I go everywhere at a maximum of 40 miles an hour"

llie Churchley was free at last, driving her own little car alone. Just three weeks after passing her test, the 17-year-old was cruising along a country lane when she leant forward to adjust the heater controls on her Mini ... and seconds later woke up to find the car upside down in a ditch.

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Weeks later, she still has no idea. what exactly happened, just that the car suddenly flipped over. But that moment's lapse of concentration could have cost Ellie her life and added her name to the horrific list of deaths and casualties among Britain's young people.

Car accidents are the biggest cause of death and injury among people up to the age of 25. Depart-ment of Transport figures show that 28 per cent of drivers killed and seriously injured during 1994 came

from the 17 to 25 age group. Young drivers often skip through their driving test, exhibiting enviable skill in operating the machinery of the car. The new written theory test, which is introduced from July I, will also help force youngsters to study rules, regulations - and etiquette - of the road that many would probably have got away with overlooking in the past. They will need knowledge of everything from road signs to the effects of drugs and alcohol on a driver and how they can cut pollution from their cars. Ministers hope that deeper understanding will help to create a pool of drivers more expert than any that has gone before.

Every young driver is cursed from the moment they tear up their L-plates, condemned to joining the most accident-prone group of people in Britain, their destructive blend of overconfidence and inexperience at the wheel pitting the odds against them, as Ellie

discovered. "I was driving along quite happily when I wanted to change the heater," remembers Ellie, who lives

in Warwickshire. "I don't know whether the car went off the road. but in a split second I was upside down. I started to panic because I couldn't open the doors. The car was wedged in a ditch up against a hedge. After a few minutes, I wound

climbed out into the hedge, getting really scratched and then I waited by the roadside. Fortunately, a couple came along and picked me up because I was very shocked by then

although, luckily, I was unhurt." that Ellie did not drive again for nearly three months. She says: "I have started to get my confidence back recently, but when I passed my test I wasn't nervous at all about driving on my own. I felt fine. Now, especially if the weather is bad. I go everywhere at a maximum of 40 miles an hour."

Cars are

the biggest cause of death up to 25 the window down and

The experience was so traumatic It would seem common sense to assume that little can be done to

combat such inexperience — only hours at the wheel can solve that. But knowing when a car is likely to break away into a skid, discovering when to fiddle with the radio or simply put up with Terry Wogan for the sake of safety, and when to keep speeds down to stay out of an impleasant shunt can be taught by

organisations such as the Institute of Advanced Motorists, which can turn driving into an enjoyable art as much as a mechanical exercise.

Overconfidence is a trickier problem - and British youngsters are full of it, according to the results of a study published this week by the European Union. Researchers discovered that II per cent of 5,500 novice motorists across 15 EU countries reck-

oned they were very safe drivers. But 16 per cent of the 500 British youngsters questioned judged themselves to be among the driving élite. Asked if they were "fairly safe", 76.5 per cent of the Brits answered yes, but the average for the rest of Europe was just 47 per cent..

Whether British drivers believe that admitting to being a bad driver is like admitting to never having had sex we will never know, but youngsters have clearly picked up the syndrome that exhibits itself in every pub, golf club and boardroom: apparently, nobody is ever a Even taking the wheel with only hundreds, rather than tens of thousands, of miles behind them. youngsters could not admit to having any failings on the road: only 0.2 per cent said that they could be "unsafe".

How they view the car also gave the research team, headed by Neil Kinnock, the EU's new transport commissioner, cause for severe depression, with 27 per cent saying they thought of cars as "being just like tovs".

o encourage young drivers to take the business of getting behind the wheel more seriously, the EU introduced its own competition. which culminated this week in a final in Brussels. Two Britons -Darren Steeles, 18, from Norfolk, and Gail Harris, 23, from Walsall, West Midiands - took part in the day of tests, but failed to get among the prizes. Ironically, a young man from Austria, the country with the worst car fatality rate among his European peer group, won the Young Driver of the Year

competition.
With the carrot of encouragement, though, came the stick. Camille Blum, secretary-general of the European Car Makers' Association, warned that 13,000 young drivers were killed every year on western Europe's roads, another

560,000 injured. If those statistics do not convince young drivers to slow down and take care, nothing will.

SIX TESTING QUESTIONS: HOW THE EXPERTS SCORED

YOUNGSTERS taking their driving test will be confronted with a written theory test for the first time this summer. But how would the professionals fare if their memory banks were examined by a sample from the 35-

question test? Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, owner of the National Motor Museum in Hampshire, scored four out of six. Failed on factual questions such as the minimum depth of tread for car tyres and the legal blood alcohol limit. Welcomed the test as "quite a good idea" and "a step in the right direction", although not convinced the right questions

were being set.
Jeremy Clarkson, presenter of BBC2's Top Gear programme, scored five out of six, failing only to identify the correct blood alcohol limit. "Anything which makes the road safer has got to be a good thing," he said. "The important thing is that the driving licence is regarded as a privilege, not a right."

Max Mosley, president of the FIA, the world governing body for motor racing, scored six out of six. "Anyone who didn't get a very high proportion right really ought to be made to go back and start their lessons again," he commented.



Montagu: right Moss: "logical questions?







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Clarkson: "It's Mosley: six a privilege" out of six

Stirling Moss, motor racing legend, scored six out of six. He also welcomed the test, adding: "I think in fairness most of the questions are logical and sensible. The problem is there are people who are going to be able to learn the answers who just have no intention of putting

them into practice. "I just wish that there was a better way to learn these things and to ensure that they are

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followed."

The questions we asked: i. To supervise a learner driver, you MUST (select two answers): Have held a full licence for at least three years (correct), be at least 21 (correct), be an approved driving instructor, hold an advanced driving certificate.

headlights (correct).

2. The legal minimum depth of tread for car tyres is: 2.2 mm, 4 mm, Imm, 1.6mm (correct). 3. In fog in daylight, you should use: sidelights, full beam headlights, hazard lights, dipped

4. You are going straight ahead at a roundabout. How should you signal? Right at the approach and then left to leave the roundabout; left as you leave the exit off the roundabout; left on the approach to the roundabout and keep the signal on until you leave; left as you pass the exit before the one you will take (correct)

5. What is the maximum legal level of alcohol in your blood: 50 mg per 100 ml, 60 mg per 100 ml. 80 mg per 100 ml (correct), 90 mg per 100 mL

6. You are overtaking a motorcyclist. What should you do? Try to pass on a bend, move over to the opposite side of the road, pass by as quickly as possible, give as much room as you would for a

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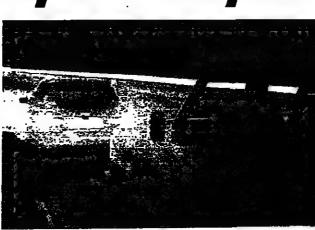
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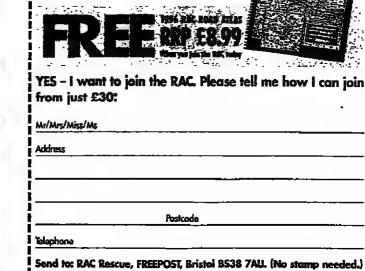
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works continue over the Lea Valley Viaduct.

A406 North Circular Road,
Finchley, Major roadworks
continue with various restric-

tions between the A1 and A1000 junctions. A240 Kingston Road, Tolworth. Major roadworks with lane closures in both directions between Jubilee Way and Worcester Park Road. A315 Glenthome Road, Ham-mersmith. One lane closed in

the one-way system at the junction with Hammersmith

SOUTH-EAST
 M4 Berkshire. Major roadworks
 and contraflow between junctions 6 and 8/9 cause lengthy

tailbacks daily.

M25 Surrey. Lane closures and contraflows between junctions 6 and 8 and junctions 9 and 10.

A27 East Sussex. Major roadworks at Firle, between Selmeston and Lewes, with temporary traffic lights.

A249 Kent. Major works at the
Stockbury roundabout west of
Sittingbourne often cause

lengthy hold-ups between the M2 and Kingsterry Bridge. A36 Hampshire, Bridge repairs at Wellow north-west Southampton.

SOUTH-WEST M4/M5 Avon. Work on new Second Sevem crossing con-tinues, with restrictions around Almondsbury and Aust inter-changes, and also on the MS ground junction 18.

M32 Avon. Widening work continues on link between junction 19 of the M4 and Bristol city centre, with lane closures and restrictions. M5 Somerset. Bridge repairs with lane closures both ways between junctions 21 and 22. M5 Somerset. Roadworks with

lane closures either side of lunction 28. A4 Wiltshire. Roadworks and temporary lights in Caine town centre at the Market Hill Junction and on Sandy Lane. A377 Devon. Roadworks continue between Exeter and

Barnstapie. A39 Comwall. Water company are digging up the road at Meads, just north of Bude with temporary traffic lights. MIDLANDS AND

EAST ANGLIA A38 Hereford/Worcester. Roadworks with temporary lights south of Worcester and along the Redditch Road in

Bromagrove.
M6 West Midlands. Major road-works continue between junctions 5 and 6 with lane restrictions in both directions. M1 Leicestershire. Final stages of the major roadworks under-

both directions between junc-

tions 21 and 22. A563 Leicestershire, Road-Lubbersthorpe Way, Leicester between the Dumbell Island and the A47 Hinckley Road A47 Norfolk. Two sets of major

roadworks: at Terrington St John and at Swaffham. A11 Norfolk. Construction of Wymondham bypass continues, with lane and speed restrictions between Hethersett and Attleborough.

HTRON M1 West Yorkshire. Roadworks and contraffow at the end of the motorway at junction 47.
M6 Cheshire. Widening work continues between junctions 20 and 22.

M6 Greater Manchester. Road-works and lane closures be-tween junctions 24 and 26. M6 Lancashire. Reduced to two lanes in each direction for work to the overhead gamtries between junctions 28 and 30. between junctions 28 and 30.

M66 Greater Manchester.

Roadworks between junctions
4 and 5 with two lanes open

each way. A167M Tyneside. From January 21 northbound lane closures on the Newcastle Central motorway near the Jesmond Road interchange for bridge WALES

M4 Gwent. Widening work continues in connection with the second Severn crossing

between junctions 22 and 24. A449 & A40 Gwent, Major roadworks on the Newporl to Monmouth route, with traffic reduced to a single lane.

A48 West Glamorgan, Cons-truction work with lane closures on all approaches to the roundabout at

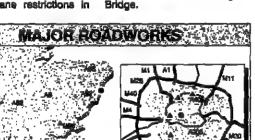
Morriston.
A483 West Glamorgan. Major roadworks and contraflow on Fabian Way, Swansea between Elba Crescent and the Earlswood traffic lights.
A550 Clwyd. Construction of Interchange between Woodbank and Queensferry means lane restrictions and a 40mph limit.

A547 Gwynedd. Bridge repairs with temporary lights near the A55 junction at Liandudno SCOTLAND

M8 Strathctyde. Roadworks with lane closures in both directions between junctions

A741 Strathclyde. Major re-pairs to the M8 bridge on Rentrew Road in Palsisy will cause delays. Motherwell, Strathclyde. Airbles Road reduced to a single lane each way for major

roadworks.
M90 Tayaide. Major roadworks
at junction 10 with lane cio-sures in both directions.
A945 Grampian. Riverside Drive, Aberdeen closed for demolition work at Wellington





NEWS IN BRIEF

Feeling flat

YOU COULD be reading this while waiting for your friendly local breakdown man to arrive, because the AA reckons that it answered distress calls from 609,500 motorists last year whose batteries were flat - a rate of just over one a minute. Flat batteries were far and away Britain's biggest reason for breaking down with tyres next with 154,860 callouts, keys 152,300, fuel 93,700 and starter motors 93,230.

VW leads Europe

VOLKSWAGEN is Europe's biggest carmaker, according to latest figures. The company improved sales by 4.6 per cent last year to more than 2.14 million vehicles. VW has been Europe's number one for the past ten years and keeps on growing, not only selling under its own prestigious badge, but also owning Audi, Seat of Spain and the Czech manufacturer and once the butt of industry jokes. Skoda.

Honda ahead

A RESURGENCE in registrations of motorcycles has put Honda on top of the sales league. Sales of bikes jumped by almost 10 per cent last year to 53,721 with Honda capturing a 26.44 per cent share of the market with five machines - the CBR600F. Fireblade. SH50, C90 and VFR750F - taking the top five places in the list of bestsellers.

Packed Ladas

IT MIGHT be unloved by many, but the Lada has become one of the bestselling cars of all time. Sales of the Russian-built saloons and hatchbacks, have now topped II million worldwide since the first car rolled off the huge production lines at Togliatti in 1970. The bulk of production, of course, found homes in countries hidden behind the old Iron Curtain, but Ladas have had their devoted followers here too: the company sold around 10,000 in Britain last year.

In two seconds I can now tell you the best way from Jersey to Orkney via Stonehenge and Chorlton-cum-Hardy

The theoretical means of travel

epart Jersey airport, bear left on to B36, turn right on to Al2, turn left on to Al, turn right on to ... ferry. A page of instructions later, we A965, arrive Kirkwall. Just when you thought you knew everything you needed to know about driving, this column confounds that belief by offering some edited highlights from

Not everyone will have an immediate use for the route from Jersey to Orkney (773 miles taking two days, six hours and 47 minutes including stopovers), but if it can be done it will be done and I have just acquired a computer program that can do it.

The program is called AutoRoute
Express and it comes from
Microsoft, the company that has
made Bill Gates one of the richest men in the world. There are other route planners like this one and I do not presume to endorse one rather than another. I do know that AutoRoute is more fun than sitting in a traffic iam.

Once you have entered start point,





Peter Barnard

destination and a couple of other parameters - such as whether you want the fastest or the shortest route AutoRoute computes the journey and you can print it out as a map and as text. The program produces the route in less than two seconds.

You can even ask it to build in specified places, such as beauty spots or even football grounds. Thus do I have before me a route from Plymouth to The Times office in London taking in Plymouth Argyle. Torquay

United, Exeter City, the two Bristol clubs, Reading and assorted London

teams. Well, you never know. What AutoRoute does not have, obviously, is that contraflow on the M5 or the broken down lorry on the A38. Therefore it perpetuates one of motoring's most cherished myths that it is possible to predict how long a journey will take. AutoRoute is essentially an optimist. The journey from my house to The Times, for example, takes the same time if you

specify a mid-morning start as it will take if you specify driving through

the morning rush hour. Some hopes. The system's overriding benefit is that it does away with the need to consult maps while trying to drive the car and reduces the risk of "I thought you said turn right" shouting matches. If AutoRoute goes wrong, the only person to shout at is Mr Gates, who is in Seattle.

Does it go wrong? I have tried out half a dozen routes and found five of

them to be spot on. But Jersey to Orkney offered a ferry crossing from Jersey to south Devon which is nonexistent, thus throwing out the next stage of the route to the M5. The ferry goes to Weymouth, and if you ask for a route via Weymouth the program owns up.

So the software is not infallible.

which I offer as a comfort rather than a criticism. Best of all, if you ask AutoRoute for beauty spots within a specified distance of your route it offers excellent colour pictures. So much easier than going there.

MONTHS ago, when I went to Newbury for this column, I predicted that the chaos surrounding the new bypass would be even worse than that which happened at Batheaston, which, incidentally, is nearing completion despite the efforts of Rent-a-Mob. Lo, it has come to pass.

The police operation at Newbury is costing no less than £30,000 a week and, because the force is on a fixed annual budget, that money has to be diverted from elsewhere. This is madness. The cost of policing road-building ought to be carried by the Highways Authority and built into the cost of the project itself.

To that extent, I agree with the protestors, who argue that the "real" cost of roads is understated. Stand by for a rise in crime elsewhere around Newbury being blamed, de facto, on the pressure for roads.

Low interest rates and high profits have created an upmarket sales boom, says Kevin Eason

Luxury wheels roll again

sive cars on the market to highly-paid executives are returning to the levels of the boom years of big City spending.

While average private buy-ers, worried by unemploy-ment and the economy, stayed away from showrooms last year, boardroom chairmen and directors were replacing their limousines and executive company cars, flushed by lower interest rates and their firms' higher profits.

Undisclosed motor industry figures show that spending on luxurious executive cars, such as Mercedes, Jaguars and Rolls-Royces, jumped by £800 million last year. Total new car registrations

last year grew by just 1.9 per cent - 34,433 cars. But registrations in the executive and classed as models costing £25,000 or more - jumped lo per cent to 233,003, an increase of 32,086 cars.

But there was an even bigger resurgence for the most luxurious models, which are bought almost exclusively by companies for their executives.

Registrations of cars in the top luxury sector, which includes models such as the Daimler Double Six, Mercedes S-class, Bentley and Rolls-Royce — which can cost up to

> Spending on the most luxurious cars rose by £800m

£100,000 -- jumped 34 per cent

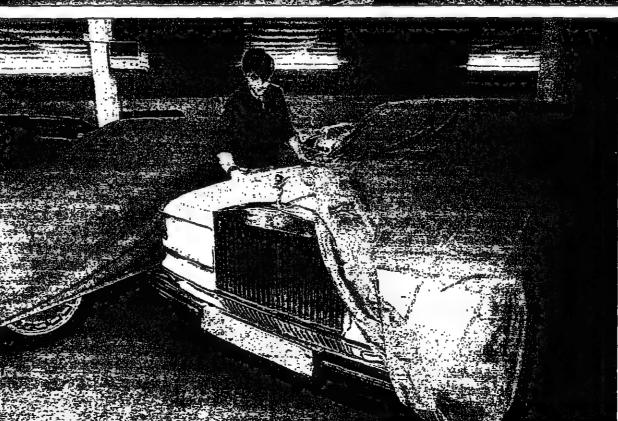
to 15,545. The success of executive and luxury models is in stark contrast to the fortunes of makers of family saloons and hatchbacks. Registrations of Fords. Vauxhalls and Rovers were all down last year, while Audi. Mercedes and BMW enjoyed record sales years. Jaguar sales were up from 6.659 in 1994 to 8.727, and Rolls-Royce, which suffered heavy losses in the recession. saw sales up to almost 500

The return of the luxury car is the most unexpected bonus in a market which was widely seen as stagnant and unlikely to get back to its 1988 peak of 2.3 million registrations. But commany cars are the driving force in the market place. accounting for an estimated 75 per cent of all sales.

However, it seems that while spending on company fleets has increased recently. investment in cars for the boardroom has been even greater, much to the delight of companies such as Jaguar and Mercedes. Carmakers say that the luxury market has not enjoyed such high sales since the tail-end of the boom in 1990, and was on course for even bigger sales next year.

Mercedes-Benz sold more than 32,000 cars last year, the highest annual figure since the company came to Britain, which included a 34 per cent increase for its most expensive model, the S-Class limousine, with prices ranging between £38,000 and £99,000. The company also sold 1.000 SL





Fit for the boss: sales of the world's most expensive executive cars have been given an additional gloss of success

sports cars, worth an average £50,000 each. Hans Tauscher, managing

director of the company's British subsidiary, says: "It is true that there is still no confidence among average buyers, but our customers are business people and they see an economy with no inflation, low interest rates and their profits

are good. They are coming back into the market place and re-stocking their fleets which has meant very good sales for manufacturers of high-quality large cars."

Len Hunt, director of Audi, which sold 25.555 cars, added: People have been predicting that this market would fall because of changes to taxation and drivers wanting to downsize their cars. But the market has gone very well for

The widespread belief that companies were replacing cars which were kept longer

and over higher mileages during the recession has been discounted by manufacturers. They say that companies have returned to the traditional twoyear replacement cycle, lead-

tor industry would have been going into its centenary year facing a struggle, for manufac-

ng to higher fleet sales. Without such sales, the mo-

though they are spending millions of pounds on dis-counts and promotions, such as free insurance, cheap finance and special equipment. Sales of company cars went up last year by 6.3 per cent - but showroom sales to private buyers fell 3 per cent, the

nary private buyers, even

equivalent of 27,000 cars worth a total of £240 million. turers still cannot attract ordi-Not that the struggle has prevented carmakers from raising prices. Vauxhall has announced that its models will go up by an average 2 per cent from Monday, while Nissan cars are already more expensive, by amounts varying from 0.8 per cent to 2.1 per cent.

Fiesta in the style of Mazda

Hugh Hunston on a Ford clone

FOR FORD Fiesta read Mazda 121, courtesy of a reworked bonnet and grille, different front bumpers, hatchback tailgate and the all-important

grab handle. The interior trim is also Mazda's own choice. It has taken the Hiroshimabased company more than ten years of agonising before joining the Japanese "transplant" club in Europe. With a thinly disguised Fiesta, built by Ford at Dagenham; Essex, as the outcome of this soul-searching, the world premiere of the underwhelming. Mazda will get 25,000 Fiesta clones annually from Dagenham to supply the European market and build a presence that has been lacking in this part of the globe while Toyota. Honda, Nissan and Mitsubishi have all built their own manufacturing

bases here. Peter Birtwhistle, chief designer at Mazda's European design studio in Oberursel,



Mazda 121: Fiesta with a "more friendly look"

Germany, claims the mild makeover gives the 121 Fiesta clone a "more friendly look". That implies that the fishmouth grilled Fiesta has a hostile appearance. What the Mazda does benefit from includes the unquestioned driving refinement of Ford's baby car, big car build quality and the sewing-machine-smooth 1.25-litre, 16-valve Zetec petrol engine.

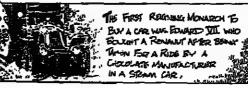
THIS state-of-the-art unit will be matched to the Ford CTX (constantly variable) automatic transmission. Due on sale in Britain on March 22, the 121's pricing will presumably dove-

tail with its corporate sibling.
The less sophisticated 1.3 litre petrol unit is also on offer, plus Ford's trusty 1.8-litre diesel, while there are two trim levels — all Mazda's own work

- to choose from. Projected UK sales of 3,500 121s this year will help to bring Mazda up into the second division of carmakers operating on the UK, selling around

AUTOFAX by Les Evans and David Long









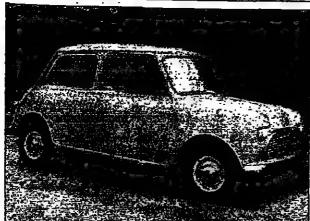
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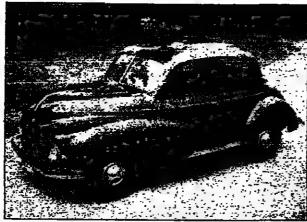
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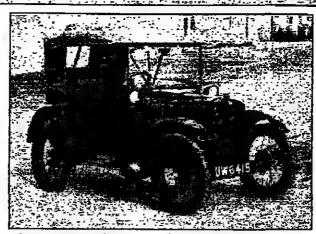
Hugh Han



The Minl: Alex Issigonis turned the engine sideways and created a package much copied but never bettered. Still a cult car nearly 37 years after it was launched



Morris Minor. William Morris, who later became Lord Nuffield, told Issigonis it looked "like a poached egg", but from 1948 the company made over 1.6 million



Austin 7: Launched in 1922 for £165, it helped to save the company. Its appearance meant that thousands of people could get on to four wheels for the first time



Land Rover: Spencer and Maurice Wilks only wanted a vehicle to keep their Rover factory busy after the war. They ended up with an aluminium-bodied legend



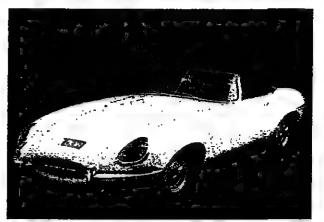
Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost: Proclaimed the best in the world and, 90 years after it was launched, it still commands the greatest respect of all British marques



Bentley Le Mans: Few cars capture the imagination like the famed Blower Bentleys. To this day, W.O. Bentley is remembered with his own square in the French town



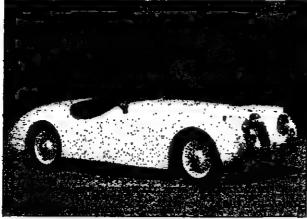
Aston Martin DB5: James Bond made it famous, but those clean curves remain as beautiful today as they were when David Brown (DB) launched the classic



Jaguar E-Type: The first 150mph production car with an aerodynamic shape that knocked everyone out in 1960. No carmaker has matched its speed and impact



MGB: Still around in huge numbers even though the model has not been made for 15 years. Define a twoseater and it is difficult to escape the MGB package



Jaguar XK120: Sir William Lyons proved his touch of genius with the XK120. Jaguar was a young company, but the XK120 established the name at the top of hierarchy



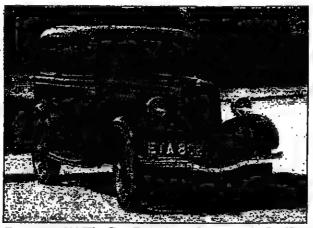
Rover P6: Better known as the Rover 2000, the P6 emerged unscathed from the chaos of the UK motor industry in the 1960s. Its angular looks remain distinctive



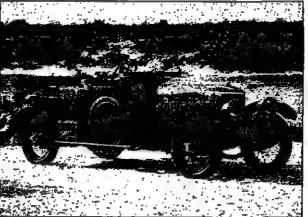
Triumph Herald: From Britain's most modern factory, with closed-circuit television watching bodies move along a new Standard Triumph assembly line at Coventry



Hillman Miror: The Rootes brothers' most successful car, the 10-horsepower Minx of 1932 was launched with a price tag of £159 and became an immediate best-seller



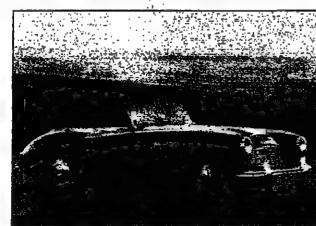
Ford Model Y: The first British car from Ford. The Shp Model Y was launched in 1932; three years later the company cut the price of the two-door saloon to £100



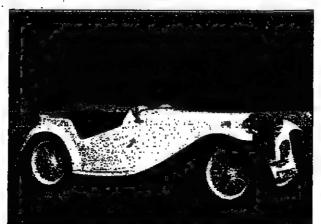
Vauxhall Prince Henry: Probably Britain's first real sports car, introduced in 1911 and named after a German speed trial on roads the previous year



Standard Vanguard: Those fat flanks and the bulbous bonnet made the Vanguard one of the most recognisable post-war cars, selling more than 250,000



Austin Healey 3000: Simply beautiful. Donald Healey joined forces with Austin in 1952 to produce the Healey 100. The definitive 3000 was glamorous and powerful



MG TC: The original advertising slogan was "Safety fast", adopted now for the MGF. It was the company's first car after the war and became an immediate classic



everything — technology, Le Mans-winning endurance and beauty. Also, at 231mph, the fastest production car



Jowett Javelin: Jowett threw away traditional car design in 1947. The Javelin's styling was aircraft influenced, while

t is the ultimate fantasy league for motorists: 100 years' worth of cars from which to choose a list of the best 20 models ever made in Britain, write Kevin Eason. The task was set so that the City Council at Coventry, official home of the British motor car, could show off the marques that made the nation's reputation as a manufacturer of fine motors during this

week's centenary celebrations. But where do you start? Naming the top 20 cars is as much a subject for heated pub debate as trying to select the England soccer team. Everyone has a favourite and a reason why it should be in the list. The council asked readers of Classic and Sportscar magazine to vote and were, not surprisingly, inundated with

Some of the choices were predictable — nobody was surprised when the Mini topped the poll - but there were dozens of eligible

classics that simply didn't make it into the league table. Worse still for the modern motor industry, only one recently-designed car — the McLaren Fl — was selected, and that is hardly a people's car" at a price of £634,500. The Land Rover is there, but that was invented and designed nearly half a century ago. For the rest, the MGB, which went out of production in 1980, is as close

as the list gets to a modern car.

Maybe the mists of time have helped drivers to forget just how basic motoring was when most of their favourite cars were made - or maybe they are the sort of cars that we have forgotten how to make. Where are the voluptuous cars of today, the groundbreakers, the memorable models that stick forever in the mind and make people smile as they pass? There are precious few, to be honest ... unless you look into the price category where six figures will buy a Bentley Azure, a Jaguar XJ220 or a McLaren.

Cars such as the Morris Minor were not just bestsellers; they established an indelible character which has never been forgotten by the motoring public. Has there been a recent, reasonably-priced model with a design as exciting and different as the Jowett Javelin, or even the muscular Standard Vanguard?

Nowawadays, making a car is liking pressing jelly out of the mould, model after model that looks just like the one next to it, often sharing the same floorpan, engines, switchgear and body styles. In the good old days, carmaking was often profligate and clumsy - but at least the carmakers had style. The curves on a 1950s Jaguar or Aston Martin are unmistakeable, the lines of an MGB an indelible image that has not been bettered, to the extent that the model is as popular today as ever, with a healthy and active second-hand market.

Some cars proved themselves the hard way, such as Rolls-

the 1.5-litre flat four gave a top speed of 80mph Royce's Silver Ghost, not only elegant but renowned as the toughest and most reliable car of its age, establishing the company's reputation around the world after beating foreign rivals on mountain roads in the famed Alpine Rally. So did the fabulous Bentleys, which swept all before them in the Le Mans

24-hour endurance races of the 1930s. Others were simply at the leading edge of technology, setting trends that every other manufacturing nation was forced to follow. When Jaguar launched its E-type, there was simply nothing like it in the world, its looks so extravagant and its performance so electrifying.

These are the 20 cars of the past 100 years that stir the emotions. After another century, will Britain have been able to produce any that have the same durability and appeal? Photographs by NATIONAL MOTOR MUSEUM, BEAULIEU

past century, there has been a complete and wonderful clunker. So many cars were well-intentioned, but ended up in the Hall of Fame for all the wrong reasons.

Right at the start, pioneers at the Scottish Argyll company put four-wheel brakes on their 1910 model, not realising that the design meant the steering locked every time the brakes

were applied. Sometimes the workmanship leaves much to be desired, such as on Jaguar's XJ saloons of the 1970s, which looked great but stalled, horns refused to work, power steering and brakes were faulty. wipers failed, fuses burnt out,

FOR EVERY classic of the remote locking was tempera-past century, there has been a mental and the fuel pump frequently packed up . . . apart from that, the cars were fine.

Some companies, though, combined all the qualities of bad design, bad workmanship and unreliability quite brilliantly. Step forward British Leyland (or BLMC or BL). which made marvellous clunkers such as the Austin Allegro (and its upmarket Vanden Plas version), the Morris Marina and the Triumph TR7. In fact, the 1970s and 1980s were a rich time for duff cars, which probably explains the rise of the Japanese motor industry. For all that, their complete duffness seems now quite endearing.



Austin Allegro: What bliss. Who could possibly forget that rectangular Quartic steering wheel, which would have worked well so long as you never turned a corner?



Morris Marina: How could so many things go wrong? A pinnacle in the duff car stakes in 1973 which helped Britain's car industry along a path to near-oblivion



Vanden Plas 1500: If a car really is that bad, then just pull out all the stops and make it worse. British Leyland produced this luxury Allegro thinking it might help



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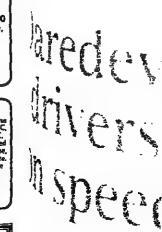
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From the Bentley Boys to Nigel Mansell, Tony Dawe looks back on the drivers who became legends

Brits who led where others followed



Champion material: from left, Jackje Stewart, three times world champion, Jim Clark, the Scottish farmer who started racing for fun, and Graham Hill, centre (Stewart's wife is in the foreground), who began a period of British dominance in 1962

entley, Moss, Hawthorn and Hill are names that spring to mind when one considers Britain's glorious days in the forefront of motor racing plus the Scottish heroes Jim Clark and Jackie Stewart. But perhaps the most important name of all is Hugh

Locke-King.
By creating the sensational banked race track at Brooklands, Surrey in 1907, Locke-King, a wealthy archi-tect in his day but little remembered now, provided the ideal training ground for British cars and drivers to gain the experience necessary to challenge the continentals, who had swept the board in the first races early this

century.

Graceful Sunbeams curved round the track at faster and

Germans by clinching the first three places in a forerunner of today's Formula One Grand

Prix at Dieppe in 1912. By the 1920s, Henry Segrave in another Sunbeam and John Cobb in a Napier Railton were regularly winning international races before turning their minds to the world land speed record (see below).

They were household name even in the days when their exploits could be seen only on the occasional newsreel at the cinema. But the drivers who became legendary because of their glamour and fearless-ness were the "Bentley Boys", a band of mainly English, rich voting men who took Bentlevs to Le Mans for the punishing 24-hour endurance race.

W.O. Bentley's robust and well-engineered cars were ideally suited to the toughest of all races, but it took a private entry by John Duff with co-

driver Frank Clement to prove the point by beating 39 French cars in 1924.

Bentley entered his own cars in the following two years without success, but learnt enough to attract a group of rich and ambitious young men. Dudley Benjafield and Sammy Davis won again in 1927 and Woolf Barnato, who was partly financing the racing expedition, won in 1925 with Bernard Rubin in a 4.5litre. But the company enjoyed its most astonishing success in 1929, with four of its five entries thundering home in

While Bentleys won the toughest races, a company called English Racing Automobiles (ERA) became the first British firm to manufacture single-seat racing cars designed for shorter races and the hill climbs popular in the 1930s. The cars sprung to

the first four places.

1958 Mike Hawthorn	Ferreri
1962/68 Graham Hill B	RM/Lotus
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prominence when Dick Seaman, another debonair if chunky Englishman, started driving them after making a name for himself with the American Whitney Straight

In his first year behind the wheel of an ERA, he won races in Italy, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia, and during a hill climb in Germany first noticed a trend which later

impressed Nigel Mansell when he started winning races for the great Italian manufacturer, Ferrari. The crowd gave me a very sporting ovation on the way down the

to this country," Seaman When motor racing began

hill, and altogether I noticed an entirely different attitude to

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nental drivers who come over

again after the Second World War, British drivers once more took a long time to seize the initiative. Alberto Ascari from Italy and Juan Fangio, an Argentian of Italian descent, dominated the grand prix circuits from 1951 until Mike Hawthorn sneaked in to become the first British world champion in 1958.

A spirited but erratic driver. famed for his endless pranks and rows with the owners of racing teams, Hawthorn won just a single grand prix, at Reims, but earned enough points by being well-placed in many races throughout the season to pip Stirling Moss to

His Ferrari team-mate, Phil Hill, played a crucial role in the outcome by waving Hawthorn through into second place during the last race of the season at Casablanca. Moss, who remains a popular figure in the industry, became the "nearly man" of British grand prix racing, much as Damon Hill appears today, winning 16 events but never achieving the championship.

t was Hill's father, Graham, who became Britain's second champion in . 1962 to begin a period of dominance in which UK drivers claimed the title for eight years out of 12. The roll of honour was shared by three very different men: Jim Clark, a mild-mannered Scottish borracing for fun; John Surtees, a deeply-committed competitor who had been world motorcyde champion seven times, and Jackie Stewart, the ultimate professional, shrewd, almost cautious at times, who became grand prix racing's first dollar

Clark's death in a minor

many, in 1968 after winning 25 grands prix and two champi-onships, led to an unofficial period of national mourning. On the race track, however, his mantle was taken up immediately by Stewart, who won the 1969 championship in a French Matra for a team led by Britain's Ken Tyrrell. He woo again in 1971 and 1973 at the wheel of Tyrrell's purposebuilt machines and achieved

27 grand prix victories, a total

surpassed only by Alain Prost

race at Hockenheim, Ger-

Following Stewart's surprise retirement at the end of the 1973 season, Britain's dominace of the grand prix circuit faded. James Hunt, a driver with a playboy image despite hailing from Cheam in Surrey, won the title in 1976. but it was not until Mansell's victory in 1992 that a British

Britain has a remarkable record of producing the world's fastest men

Daredevil drivers on speed

the world land speed record by a series of increasingly cavalier and heroic figures, writes

In machines called Babs, Golden Arrow, Bluebird and now Thrust drivers sought speed, fame, honours - and the title of "the fastest man alive" - not for themselves,.

but for their country. Armed sometimes with a private income, an acquaintance with the rude mechanicals and a flexible sense of selfpreservation, they faced battles to raise funds for their endeavours and frustratingly long waits for the right

in 1896, Count Gaston de Chasseloup-Laubat set the first land speed record in a French-built electric Jeantand at a remarkable 39.24mph.

Belgian and French drivers battled for the title until Expest Eldridge, an Englishman whose name is barely known today, seized it for Britain in July 1924. His record of 146mph in a 1907 Fiat, powered by a new aircraft engine, at Arpajon, France, was the last title won on a

public road. Two months later, Sir Malcolm Campbell made the first of many record-breaking runs on the Pendine Sands in Wales, reaching 146.16mph in Bluebird, his 350hp V12 Sun-

ter increased the record to 150.87 in July 1925, then began a long duel with John Godfrey Parry Thomas and Sir Henry

Parry Thomas drove his with sharp shale splinters. own Thomas-Special, chris-tened Babs, while Sir Henry sat behind the wheel of a 1,000hp twin-engined Sun-beam called Golden Arrow. the first car to exceed 200mph. In February 1931, Sir Malcolm wrested the title back and between then and September 1935 raised his own record

It was not all glory: there were hiccups. For one of his

Ever faster: Sir Henry Segrave, centre, first through the 200mph barrier, with Sir Malcolm Campbell, left, who topped 300mph, and his son, Donald, who took the record past 400mph attempts, Sir Malcolm selected a dried up mudlake in South Africa, only to find when he arrived with Bluebird and his team that the surface of the lake was covered

A hundred labourers were brought from Cape Town to scrape off the mud, sift the top soil, mix with water and roll back to be baked hard in the heat. When all was ready, Campbell was hurt in a freak accident. As he lay recovering, it rained over the lake for the first time in five years and washed away the track.

1927 Sir Henry Segrave, Sunbeam 1935 Sir Malcolm Campbell, Bluebird...... 1947 John Cobb, Railton 1964 Donald Campbell, Bluebird 403.135mph

record, always set over a mile, but did establish a new record over five miles.

After breaking the 300mph barrier in 1935, he left the field When he finally made the to Captain George Eyston,

1983 Richard Noble, Thrust 2.....

attempt, he failed to beat the who won sponsorship from the British motor industry, and John Cobb, rich from the fur trade. Between them, they raised the record six times.

Eyston, in his twin-engined.

eight-wheeled, six-ton Thun-

September 1938. Cobb's twinengined, 47,872cc, three-ton Railton reached 394.2mph in September 1947.

There it stayed for 17 years until Donald Campbell, Sir Malcolm's only son, drove another Bluebird at 403.1 mph at Lake Eyre, Australia. From September 1924 to July 1964, all the record holders were British, except Ray Keech of the United States in 1928.

Britain only lost the record when the rules were changed and jet engines were allowed. A period of American domination followed, until Richard

Noble founded Thrust Cars for a jet-powered attempt on the record.

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Why does it cost more to repair a Ford than a Jaguar? Vaughan Freeman explains a paradox

Drivers can be bad for your company



HENRY KEEPS MY CYCLING INTO THE CITY EVERY







ew figures show that garage bills for a Vauxhall are higher than for a Mercedes - and it costs more to fix a Ford than it does to put a damaged Jaguar back on the

An analysis of repairs to company cars that have been in accidents or attacked by vandals also found that owners of Toyota, Mazda and Honda models are likely to find themselves facing average. bills up to two-thirds higher than the cheapest-to-repair car, the Volvo.

The study, by leading acci-dent and insurance management company VELO Insurance Services, found that the average Honda repair costs £696, with repairs for a Mazda costing £689, and a Toyota £636. At the other end of the scale, repairs for a Volvo average £416, followed by £442 for a Peugeot, £444 for a Fiat, and £464 for a Rover.

VELO, which deals with 3,000 company car insurance claims a month, also revealed that company car drivers are far and away the most crashprone on the road, as well as the most careless and thoughtless and the most vulnerable to car crime or opportunist thieves. Phil York, VELO's marketing manager, revealed that some company car drivers submit as many as 10 insurance claims a year.

The research backs recent Department of Transport statistics which found that company car drivers have up to 50 per cent more accidents than private motorists, mile for mile. The department believes up to a third of company driver accidents could be prevented if they took as much care with their firm's car as they did with their own.

"You have to take into account the usage the cars are put to," York says. "For example, it is clearly going to cost less to buy and fit new bits to a Ford Fiesta than for a Jaguar. However, Fords are more likely to be doing much higher mileages than Jaguars, which are usually perk cars, so Fords

are more likely to be involved in a more serious accident requiring extensive repair. That is why we believe the average repair costs for the

Ford are higher.

"As for the higher average costs for the Japanese cars, this is due to the fact that their parts prices are probably higher than for the European cars such as Peugeot, Ford. Rover and Citroen, who are mainstream . manufacturers and whose parts are readily available with no particular

VELO found that the average cost to insurers of an incident is £528. Top of the cost pile is vehicle theft at £3,419. followed by accident damage at £1,719. Their from a vehicle averages £323, and vandalism

Company car drivers can do much more to protect themselves, according to York: "There are basic things to avoid like leaving the keys in the ignition while going to pay for the petrol or always parking the car in a dark and gloomy street. The key issue here is accountability. We are trying to instil greater respon-sibility. One way, which some firms are already using, is to levy an excess charge so that their drivers must pay the first £50, £100 or £150 of any claim

resulting from an incident. If

the driver reports two incidents in a year, then the excess

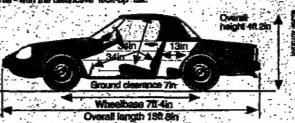
"Clearly driver training is also very important. Not every company car driver needs to undergo such training, however. We estimate that just 20 per cent of them are involved in 80 per cent of the incidents that lead to insurance claims.

By targeting and training that 20 per cent, says York, drivers and other road users can not only be made a lot safer, but insurance claims and the cost of premiums for ly reduced.

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Mary Tamm began travelling in a Mini and ended up in the Tardis. Eithne Power reports

Who's that high-speed girl?

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ary Tamm, half White Russian. half Estonian. born in Bradford, came into her own 17 years ago as Dr Who's dynamc assistant, Romana. Since then, she has worked constantly (most recently in Brookside), married a working Lloyd's name, sold houses to pay off Lloyd's and taken the Formula Ford drivers course at Brands Hatch. It must have been all that travelling in time that gave her a taste for speed.

One of the reasons she gave it up was that she had absolutely no fear behind the wheel and was probably a bit reckless; she admits it never entered her head that she might

How did you learn to drive?

With a one-man driving school and a lot of pent-up longing in my mid-twenties. At home in Bradford we didn't have a car, and I was constantly standing at bus stops vowing, one day, one day I'll learn to drive and I'll be free.

What was your first car?

A green Mini that I bought for £200 from a friend of a friend of a friend who had a friend, a mechanic, who told me it was a sound machine - even though it had four bald tyres that escaped my notice at the time. After that I had four more Minis in different colours before graduating to a Mercedes! The day after I passed my test, I drove on the motorway to Manchester in that first Mini, dripping blood after having had a tooth out. I drove with one hand, drugged to the eyeballs and mopped up the blood with the other.

What car do you drive now?

My husband's BMW, and my own wonderful little Triumph Acclaim. It's a great little daughter. Lauren, to drive in it. We use a disused airfield, and we're extremely decorous!

Do wu enjoy driving?

Does a fish enjoy swimming? I adore it, maybe because came to it so late. As a girl, I was always sort of stuck. I haunted bus shelters. Now that I can go where I want when I want, I'm like Toad of Toad Hall. I sometimes feel incredibly happy driving in the country. Guns 'n' Roses blasting away on the stereo or Carmina Burana. Carl Orff conjures up visions of men and horses and armour and stuff like that ... the simple pleasures of life.

What is your dream car?

An Aston Martin Volante, I like a car that goes from zero to 60 in three seconds. There's a kind of ecstasy when you're going at speed, it's probably to do with the urge to escape.

What is your most hated car?

The Ford Sierra. Every time someone cuts me up. it's inevitably a man in a Ford Sierra. The Sierra pretends to be sporty, but it just can't

What is your worst habit in

Swearing at men in Ford Sierras and making absolutely hideous faces at myself in the driving mirror. I pull my lips right up over the gums so that I look like a lipless toothead. A jogger spotted me the other day at traffic lights and clutched his heart in terror. My facial aerobics make me feel good, but they're pretty horrible for onlookers.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

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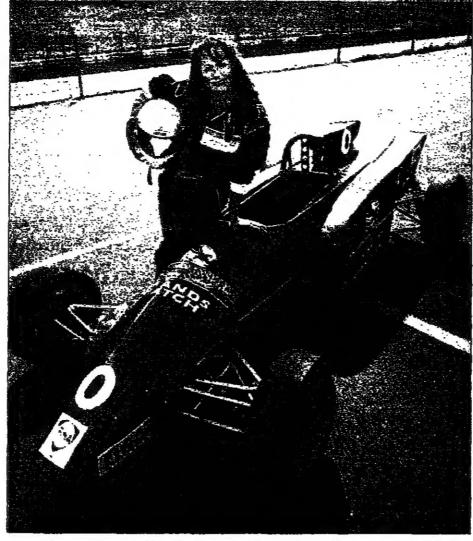
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Mary Tamm: tearing round Brands Hatch, the thought of being killed never occurred to her

mostly they are driving

What is the most unusual

thing you've done in your car?

managed to park about 18cms from the kerb when the steering wheel came off in my hands on the A40 while I was going to a Dr Who rehearsal. I had to do everything simultaneously, brakes, handbrake, gears. I didn't panic. I'm good in a crisis; just as well, because I had a lot in those Minis.

Have you ever had points on your licence?

Yes, but not for speeding, as one might expect. I went over a double white line five years ago and got an endorsement

What would you do if you became Secretary of State for Transport?

What they do in Amsterdam and fine everyone driving alone into the city centre. It seems to work there. And

again, like in Holland, I'd introduce bicycle paths. I've got a bike myself, but knowing there are other drivers out there like me I am afraid to

What safety precautions do vou take as a woman driver?

Most of the dangers I run ! provoke myself by cutting other drivers up. But I always lock my doors and find that picking up the mobile phone sees them off quite quickly.

Alan Copps on the Cadillac-Chrysler crossover

top-of-the-range ver-sion of the Vauxhall Omega is to go on sale in the United States later this year as the Cadillac Catera. It is expected to cost almost a third less than the most upmarket model available in Europe, despite boasting a range of sophisticated equip-ment regarded as essential in the American luxury car

The German-built Catera will be the smallest and cheap-est model available from Gen-eral Motors' flagship Cadillac division and will provide the company with a much-needed entry-level car to compete with imports such as the Mercedes C280, BMW 325i and Lexus ES300. It is expected to cost about \$33,000 (£22,000). A fully-equipped 3-litre Omega in Britain costs close to E29,000.

The Catera will use the 200 brake horse power, 3-litre V6 engine built at Vauxhali's Ellesmere Port plant in Cheshire and Cadillac is forecasting sales of 25,000 for 1997, its first full year of production.

The Catera, which will not be available in Europe, strongly resembles and Opel/Vauxhall Omega and will be built alongside it at Rüsselsheim, but it will feature styling changes at the front and rear and the interior will include a new instrument panel and centre console complete with fold-out cupholders. The car will have remote keyless entry. power seats and automatic climate control. The engine will be tuned to cope with American driving conditions and meet stringent environ-mental standards. It will run on Goodyear all-season tyres. Chrysler is making a trans-

Battle of the **Atlantic** on four wheels

Atlantic move in the opposite direction. With a full-scale assault on the European market due later this year, it is to import the Chrysler New Yorker into Britain. Available by special order in left-hand-drive only and costing £33,600, it also features a V6 engine of 3.5 litres giving 211bhp. The company believes the car will meet a growing transport in this country.

The most interesting feature of the New Yorker is its Auto-Stick transmission, which al-

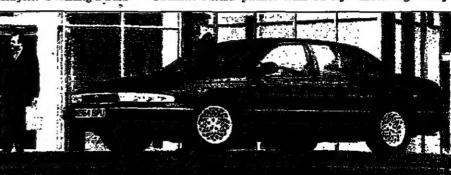
lows a choice between fully automatic or manual gear changing. The lever has all the usual automatic positions, but below the lowest ratio there is a gate with two apertures which the driver can use to override the automatic and make manual changes as with a sequential box, move the lever left to change up and right to change down. The New Yorker is a strik-

good-looking vehicle which pampers its occupants in true luxury. We know it will fill the niche in the market left by the disappearance of tradi-tional British limousines," says Richard Mackay Chrysler UK's managing director. However, it's not just a car to be driven in. With its powerful 3.5-litre engine, Europeantuned suspension and the revolutionary Auto-Stick transmission, the New Yorker is also a great driver's car."

Standard equipment includes automatic temperature control, cruise control, power seats, traction control, electrically adjustable and heated mirrors, anti-lock braking, remote power-levelling headlamps and a trip computer.



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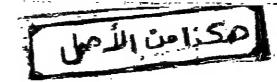
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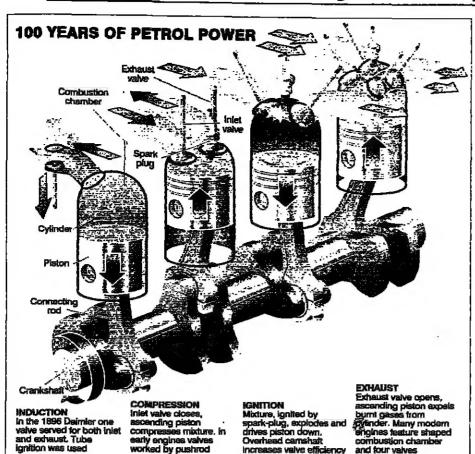


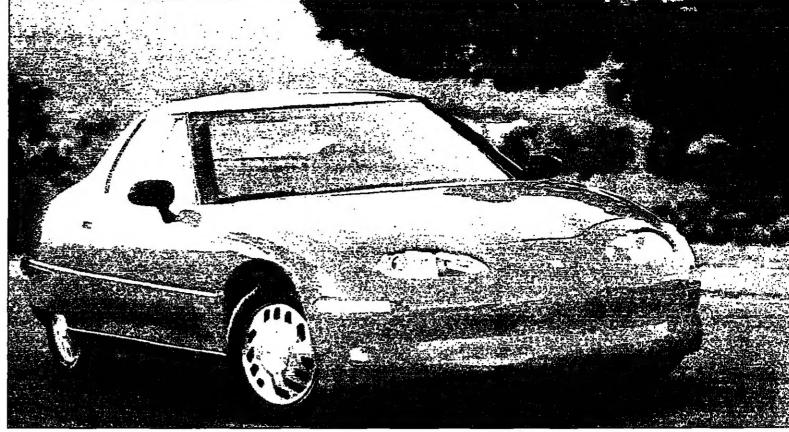
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As manufacturers experiment with gas and electricity, Kevin Eason feels the traditional internal combustion engine will be around for a long time





General Motors' EVI: complete with everything we expect in a car, but battery-driven with a range of up to 90 miles and a three-hour recharging period

he start of the second century of the motor car could be marked by a switch to alternative fuels that will make their debut in road cars for the first time this year.

Volvo, BMW and General Motors all announced this week that they would be producing cars capable of using alternative fuels Volvo and BMW opting for gas and GM putting a purpose-built electric car on sale for the first time.

Although sales of the "new fuel" models will barely make a dent in the huge numbers of petrol and diesel-driven cars, they are a turn of the wheel in the direction of a future that promisés cleaner air.

When Karl Benz chugged around the streets of Mannheim 112 years ago, his twoseater tricycle was powered by a wheezing internal combustion engine. Despite the sophistication of the modern engine. Benz would have little difficulty in recognising the principles behind the modern engines for they are the same as they ever were: suck, squeeze, bang and blow. Engines suck in air and petrol, squeeze them in a

Will a car ever get us there without petrol?

cylinder, explode them to fire the piston with enough force to power a crankshaft, then blow waste gases out of the tailpipe.

Petrol and diesel have been the staple diet of the motor car throughout the last 100 years. Fuel injection has largely re-placed the carburenor as a more efficient way of feeding the fuel in, multi-valve arrangements and overhead camshafts have increased the efficiency of the sucking and blowing, balanced crankshafts and shaped pistons make the squeezing more effective and catalysers and silencers limit the environmenexhaust. In advanced engines, the whole process is now carefully managed by microchips, but

more radical changes are on

Volvo will have a gaspowered version of its 850 saloons and estates in showrooms by the summer. The Bifuel 850s are the same as the factory-built petrol cars but have modifications to allow them to take gas from a cylinder, holding the equiva-lent of 4.5 gallons of gas, stored behind the rear seats. The 2.5-litre engines can run

tal impact of the explosion and on petrol, but switch to gas power at the push of a button on the dashboard. That gives the bonus of an extra 150 miles travelling distance from the boot-mounted tank, but the idea is to go with gas in town to cut down on toxic exhaust emissions.

Tailpipe emissions from an 850 using gas are only a tenth of the stringent limits set in Sweden: output of unburnt hydrocarbons is 80 per cent lower, carbon monoxide 77 per cent lower, nitrogen oxide 20 per cent lower and carbon dioxide 20 per cent lower. Gas power is also two to

three per cent more economical than petrol, while com-pressed natural gas sells for an equivalent 39p a litre (£1.77 a gallon). However, there is a downside: power falls by about 10 per cent, refuelling pumps, although easy to use, are hard to find at the moment—and the cars will cost an extra £3,000.

BMW is limiting the sale of its 316 and 518 gas variants to Germany unless the Government makes some concessions to gas users in this country.

In any event, the company says it is only a step on the road towards eventually using hydrogen to power cars. The technology is already there but supplying, distributing and storing liquefied hydrogen is a little tricky.

Meanwhile, GM has surged ahead with an electric car, in spite of the gloom-and-doom merchants who say it will never take off because of the limits imposed by batteries unable to offer high mileage at high power in the way that petrol can.

Astonishingly, the company first produced an electric truck in 1912. That model went out of production in 1916 and electric propulsion was not revived

until 1964, since when a series of experimental vehicles has been produced.

The two-seater EVI will go on sale on America's West Coast and will have everything we expect from a car: dual airbags, anti-lock brakes. compact disc player and cruise control. Designed from Impact, the

concept version shown five years ago, the £22,000 teardrop-shaped car will have a range of between 70 and 90 miles with a recharging period of around three hours. A bat-

at an extra leasing cost. Using 26 12volt batteries to around 137 horsepower, the EVI is front-wheel-drive.

tery charger comes

But, for now, the good old internal combustion engine will keep most of us on the road. Rover launched its latest power pack — a Vh version of its successful K-series engines - at the Brussels Motor Show this week. Even though the principles are a century old,

Rover would claim that the K-

series takes the process on several sophisticated steps. The new 25-litre V6 will

replace the 2.7-litre Honda engine the British company has been using in its upmarket 800-series saloons and hatchbacks for the past few years. Although the K-series is slightly smaller in capacity, it

is 28kgs lighter at 152kgs -

and, according to Rover's figures, GM first more powerful and economical. The KV6 yields 176Ps at made an 6.500rpm compared with 16ºPs electric for the Honda 2.7 at 5,900rpm, while truck composite fuel fig-ures show the KVo

in 1912 returning 33.4 miles to the gallon of unleaded on produce a power equivalent of manual transmission cars against the 29mpg the Honda

unit offered. This new V6 uses the same technology which has been much acclaimed in the latest Rover products, the MGF and Rover 400 and 200 series. It has the same aluminium-alloy construction. lightweight pistons, valve-train layout and

similar closely spaced cylin-

ders. The whole unit is man-

uged by an electronic control unit with the computing power to adjust fuel input to compensate for wear and tear throughout the life of the

over has introduced a new automatic transmission unit at Lthe same time, and the control unit for this is linked with the engine control unit. The result is that at 70mph the KV6 automatic engine is turning over at 2.500rpm against nearly 3,300rpm for the previous combination.

The company's efforts are part of the crescendo of development of the petrol engine, thanks to the introduction of better engineering and more ingenious electronics. But the climax has yet to be reached at a time when consumer and environmental groups are clamouring for cars that will not pump out polluting gases into the atmospheres of our towns and cities.

That means there must be a major departure in the way that cars are powered if there is to be a second century of unrestricted freedom of personal transport.

Citroën's Xantia Activa enables Helen Mound to stay on the level

Masterpiece of suspension

othing is worse than spending a Saturday morning mopping out the back of the car just because your over-zealous driving doesn't mix well with a bootload of groceries.

Leaving the supermarket car park frustrated by squabbling families and the fact that even at 10am there's no bread on the shelves. I take it out on the car, hurling it into every available bend and junction. By the time I reach home, the boot contains a congealed mess of eggs, fruit juice and dog biscuits that was once a neatly stacked line of grocery bags.

Even if I decide to take it easy all the

way home, most cars I drive present my shopping to me as if the "boot gremlins" have been playing badminton back there. Oh, for a car that doesn't roll passengers and bags from side to side; a car that doesn't lean or lurch around bends.

The Citroen Xantia Activa is such a car; the world's first production car with Active Roll Control suspension, which means it does not lean into corners, slump back to an even keel when it straightens up or roll from side to side through a series of bends. The Activa stays flat and balanced at every turn. And I can report that it passes the grocery test. Six carrier bags, lined up from one side of the boot to the other, did not topple over, slide around or empty themselves, despite a severe ten-mile thrashing from supermarket to

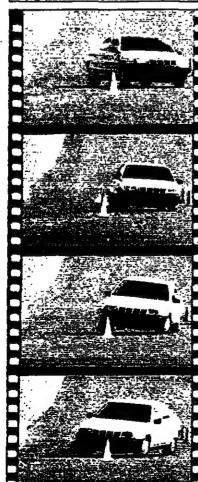
ther drivers are startled by the sight of the new Xantia Activa tackling roundabouts and bends at speed. A car travelling fast with no body roll not only feels strange inside, it looks curious and unnatural from the ourside. Under extreme conditions it's particularly striking: flat-out on a wide slalom, the Activa looks as level as it would if it were moving in a straight line.

Active Roll Control suspension is not new - Formula One race cars have had from it for some time - but it's an extraordinary sensation in an executive

hatchback. In eliminating body roll for the new flagship Xantia. Citroen was looking to produce an executive car with improved comfort, performance and, above all, salety, even if you don't understand Active Roll Control suspension, you'll probably notice the latter first. Potentially dangerous situations such as braking in a corner or steering while panic braking are far safer, because the car is evenly balanced and consistently level.

With all four wheels firmly on the ground at all times, the opportunity to correct driver error without losing control is greater. On roundabouts, any ordinary car will lean away from the centre - done at speed it will eventually break away as either the from or rear end loses grip. But 2 Xantia, activa can handle the tightest

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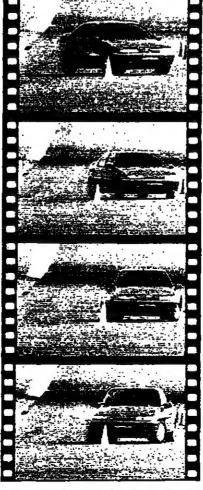


circles, remaining flat and balanced, even at speed. The "Hydractive II" suspension already supplies the standard Xantia with one of the smoothest rides in its class and Activa takes it a step forward.

In most cases an anti-roll bar is anchored to the car's body in the middle with a suspension arm at both ends. On the Activa, at one end of the unusually thick anti-roll bars, the suspension arm is . connected by a gas-filled sphere, providing a cushioning effect when the car is travelling in a straight line.

There are two stages: enter a corner, and the sensors (for steering wheel angle, rate of rotation and road speed - already in place for the "Hydractive II" suspension) isolate the spheres via an electronic control unit, reducing their cushioning influence, resulting in a stiffer effect from the thick anti-roll bars. As the Activa leaves a bend, the spheres are reconnected and the anti-roll bars cushioned again.

WITH ACTIVE ROLL CONTROL SYSTEM



The second stage is for sharper bends, triggered when the forces are so great that stiff anti-roll bars are insufficient to prevent leaning. Hydraulic rams on the anti-roll bars force the car upright and level when the body roll attempts to exceed half a degree.

Thile costing £1,000 more than the previous top Xantia, the ▼ Activa is the only model to benefit from the new suspension, new turbo-charged engine and a unique bodykit. Citroën claims the new suspension was inexpensive to develop, adding less than 5 per cent to the cost of the car. which may mean the next generation XM (the company's large executive saloon) will also benefit from the system.

Price: £18.480, Engine: 1998cc turbocharged. Transmission: 5-speed manual. Performance: max speed 132mph. 0-60mph 8.9 seconds. Economy: urban cycle 22.0mpg.



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Being macho in the mud

Guy Walters watches British hopefuls battle with nature to compete for the Camel Trophy

define it. Some think it an ingenious form of tobacco peddling. some a holiday, some a race. and a few merely an excuse for Mark Thatcher clones to make their mothers anxious.

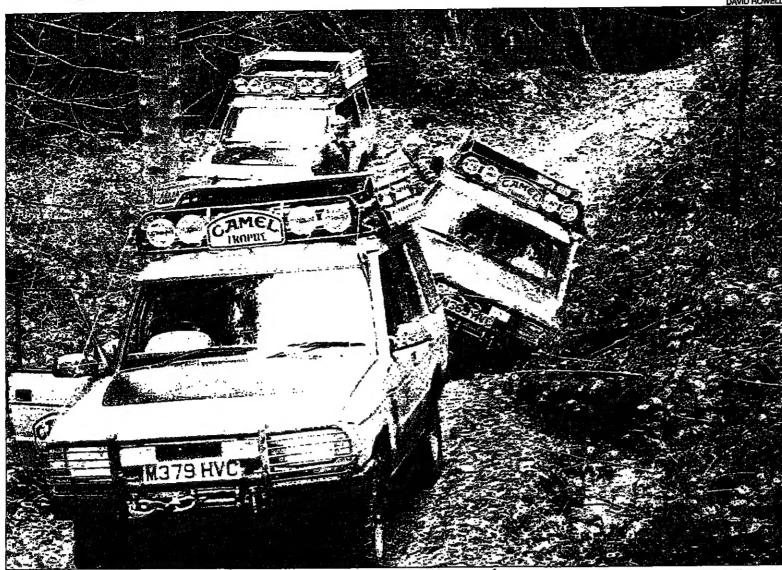
The Camel Trophy is more a straightforward annual adventure, in which a convoy of Land Rovers lock their differentials across the most unappealing terrain on the planet. As if that wasn't enough, the participants have to complete special tasks", such as building bridges and canoeing, in which their competence and team spirit is assessed.

This year the event is being held in April in Kalimantan. the Indonesian part of Borneo. The 40 participants, representing 20 countries, have 22 days to follow a 620-mile route across the island. "Route" is perhaps the wrong word, because much of it is uncharted, flooded and overgrown. and the teams will need to push themselves and their vehicles to the point of collapse if they are to complete the challenge. The three weeks will be long, punishing, hectic and very, very wet.

he first selection was held last weekend neur Hay-on-Wye, a town known more for second-hand books than wrenching Discoveries and Defenders around hillsides coated in the deepest and gloopiest mud. The aim was to whittle more than 100 British entrants down to ten. It was a painful process.

The entrants arrived at Sam on Saturday, a tracksuited mob, mostly men in their midtwenties, bristling with the early morning testosterone required to put their frames through a weekend's hell. Their first task was to run up a muddy hillside, carrying barrels, logs and wheels — a task that even most cars would

tored by the notepad-clutching marshals, many of whom had been on the trophy before. Their faces bore the expressions of boys who have just started their second year at school, revelling in a smug superiority based on the arrival of fresh-faced Camel



In the rough: the marshals were looking for, if not fitness, then a high level of determination and willingness that will be needed in Kalimantan

Some hopefuls failed a few yards into the run. He's simply not lit enough, said one marshal, giggling at a rather overweight fellow whose build screamed out one pizza too many. A few were the subjects of much praise and ticking in notepads

"Look at that one, he's even running back down to fetch more gear." The marshals were looking for, if not fitness, then a high level of determination and willingness. That one of the women was unsuitably clad in fake can and purple lipstick was not necessarily

detrimental. Such qualities were also monitored in the Finesse Driving stage in which Honda a course of cones as smoothly and quickly as possible. Some. desperate to impress, found themseives knocking down a motorway's worth of cones. and notching up some crosses.

The next part of the Finesse Driving was what many had

end stuff; the course was steep, curvaceous and treacherously muddy. It was like driving through a giant trifle. Most entrants had had little experience, but Steve Vaughan, one of the Land Rover instructors. found that preferable. "We like if

someone doesn't know everything." he Natural said. "Then we can mould them to how leaders like them. Sometimes you get farmers' sons who have tons of expericoming ence but some terrible habits." to the fore Sitting with some of the en-

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trants was a frightening experience, especially when slithering down one-infour inclines, when only the ground is visible through the At the day's end, 40 were

windscreen. Most fared capasuffered many a dent. nick, bump and scrape. This was not a good place to be a tree. lucky enough to be asked to remain for Sunday. However. their fortune was paltry. They had to sleep outdoors, and perform exercises, and - the most painful of all - dragging a "defunct" Land Rover along the course. What the entrants didn't know was that the marshal resolutely kept his foot on the brakes to make life considerably more muscle-rip-ping. The language was fouler than the mud.

unday saw an increase in the complexity of challenges. The most arresting was the construction of a bridge out of trees, an essential skill for the ten river crossings that the Kalimantan journey involves. By this stage, natural leaders were coming to the fore, although one rather didactic and loud-mouthed entrant was beginning to cause strain among his muddled and sodden peers. One of the marshals was heard saying. "If he comes along, it will be over my

The final ten were chosen with difficulty, and despite the marshals' denials that they were chosen for their looks, all displayed the requisite "Camel Man" appeal that works so well in adverts for indestructible watches. All they needed



DR DASHBOARD

Good reasons to give thanks

i'm baffled by this "Lady Godiva" business at Coventry cathedral. Was the protest justified?

We doctors are used to seeing people take their clothes off, of course, but it's difficult to see the logic of that particular protest. Where bet-ter to celebrate the motor industry than Coventry.

Why does the industry deserve a blessing?

A I just can't resist that dreadful pun used by one of the Coventry clergy about the "Car vest Festival". Since 1896, when the first Daimler was made there, 127 different kinds of car have been manufactured in the city. providing employment for thousands. The car is literally the fruit of their labour.

But most of those But most on most makes went out of business long ago. Is making cars still important?

There are still major there. The majority of Peugeot's 5,400 workers are in Coventry, and Jaguar employs 6,000. At the last census in 1991, the city had a population of 295,000 and 18,456 of them were directly employed in the motor industry. In 1956 when the population was 267,000 the industry employed 42,080.

Doesn't that last figure Doesn't that last figure just show the decline Britain's motor industry? just show the decline of

A No one would deny that it has had its problems. but it remains one of the biggest manufacturing busi-nesses in the country, 800,000 jobs depend upon it. Its export record is excellent: in 1986 we produced 1.019 million cars and exported just 188,000 of them, last year we made 1.53 million and exported 740,000, or 48 per cent.

What does it mean in What does it man terms of money?

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In 1994, according to Customs and Excise figures, we exported vehicles worth a record £12.8bn. Last year Jaguar exports alone amounted to more than Elbillion, Land Rover sent more than 80 per cent of its production abroad.

But what about deaths on the road and all that

The number of people killed on Britain's roads in 1994 was 3,650, the lowest since records began in the 1920s. The carmakers are spending huge sums on safety and anti-pollution measures.

So what would the doctor say is the chief benefit of the car?

Personal mobility. One A of my patients told me this week that he was going to join the Newbury by-pass protesters. "How will you get there?" I asked. "I'll go in the Jag. of course," he replied.

A.COVENTRY DIARY

DENIS Thatcher had a good time, even if the Bishop of Covenity was distinctly shaken by his naked encounter with the motor industry. writes Kevin Eason. Centenary celebrations culminated in a dinner for

1.600 executives, celebrities and guests at the International Convention Centre in Bicmingham. At table 107 was Sir Denis, a guest of the Quinton Hazell Group, hap-

pily enjoying a pag-

eant of 100 years of

motoring present-ed by John Humphrys of Radio 4's Today. Top of the Michael Ball, who presumably came cheap as he is the son of Tony Ball of Tony Ball Associates, which organised

the shindig. Everyone who was a motoring someone was there, from Sir Michael Edwardes, saviour of the Rover Group, to Zhao Dadong, a member of a

Chinese trade delegation studying the British motor industry. The delegation must have loved the presentation, which included the band of the Coldstream Guards, the pipes and drums of the Scots

Guards, two Welsh male voice choirs and the Academy of Irish Dancing. Through it all, the Bishop, the Rt Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, remained stiff upper-lipped after a harassing day at the cathedral which went wrong the moment a nude lady decided to decorate the altar.

In church, an 1897

Executives at Car 96 were anxabout the Bishop's interest in cars, including what he drove, only to meet a frosty response. His zide told us that he drives a car made in Coventry which leaves a choice between a Peugeot 306 (price range £9,500-£14,000) or a Jaguar (£29,000-£60.000).



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